

Obituary

JAMES HUNTER FLACK
Mr. James Hunter Flack, age 100, died Monday, Jan. 16, 2006 at his Destin, Fla. residence.

For the majority of his adult life, Mr. Flack lived in Montgomery, Ala., where he developed exemplary timberland production with his company, Flack-Haney Forest Products, Inc., based largely in Elba, Ala., but with business interest also in Georgia and South Carolina.

A graveside funeral service was held Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006 at Greenwood Cemetery, Montgomery, with Reverend Mike Hesse officiating and with Leak-Memory Chapel directing.

Mr. Flack was preceded in death by his son, James Hunter Flack Jr.; a daughter, Margaret Flack; and grandson Dick McCown.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor Flack; one son: William Martin Flack; two daughters: Eleanor Kelley and Cammie McLendon; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



Noel Scofield, of Elba, grew these 13 and 10 pounds turnips. They are whoppers!

New Brockton Elementary School Honor Rolls - Second Grading Period

"A" Honor Roll

1st Grade: Dantarius Adams,

Ty Anderson, Haleigh Boswell,

Tyler Bryan, Malia Brown, Eli

Brown, Brandi Donaldson,

Nash Downing, Madison Ellis,

Corbin Griffin, Hayley

Haggard, Tiffany Hatway,

Sierra Hatfield, Jaxon Hawkins,

Hanna Holloway, Shlecia

Hooks, Clayton Kelley, Hannah

Lindsey, Molly McDaniel, Noah

O'Daniel, Amber Monn, Jessi

O'Neal, Annsley Padgett,

Zachary Quiller, Patrick

Richards, Felicity Sanders,

Dylan Shehee, Janiaya Threats,

Brittany Tidwell, Michael

Watson.

2nd Grade: Casey Adkins,

Wesley Blanton, Ashley

Boswell, Cerral Lee Brewer,

Erica Brewster, Dustin Bryan,

Carson Cardwell, Brandon

Chancellor, Nicky Cooper, Kaci

Demers, Raven Didorek,

Christen Downing, Wyatt

Downing, Kara Downs, Tera

Driskell, Haley Evans, Jordan

Gallin, Maggie Beth Harrison,

Hunter Herring, Blaine Hudson,

Abigail Hurto, Blake Johnson,

Brittany Lee, Cape Lewis,

Kendall Liles, Caitlyn Lindsey,

Madison McKinney, Austin

McWaters, Wyatt Moore, Lakin

Morris, Tanner Oates, Jeffery

Perdue, Adrianna Whittaker.

3rd Grade: Emily Bradley,

Katherine Clark, Taylor

Corbett, Whittaker, Corbett,

Madison DuBose, Octavia

Green, Gaige Horstead, Braxton

Johnson, Matthew Marler, Kyle

Ray, Alexandria Sanders, Aaron

Simons.

4th Grade: John Nathan

Dunaway, Daniel Everhart,

Kaley Moore, Alycia Spivey,

Cassie Stephenson, Grady

Whittaker.

5th Grade: Emily Anderson,

Faith Caylor, Courtney Hall,

Katelyn Hutto, Nicole Lee,

Britney Magwood, Ryan

Watson, Kyle Turner.

6th Grade: Shelby Adkins,

Claire Bailey, Amber Barnett,

Chad Beavers, Savannah Ellis,

Lindsey Foster, Jena Freese,

Dumley Mock, Teresa Moore.

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Hospice.

Walter Hill, CEO for the

Wiregrass United Way thanked

the many volunteers who spent

numerous hours assisting with

the campaign. "It takes a lot of

people working together toward

a common goal to achieve a goal

of this magnitude," Hill stated.

"We could never have reached

this milestone without the ded-

ication of so many people. On

behalf of the thousands of

Wiregrass residents who will

benefit from the programs and

services provided by the agen-

cies we say thank you."

The Wiregrass United Way

has served the Wiregrass Area

since 1938 currently funding 36

member agencies in Coffee,

Dale, Geneva, Henry and

Houston Counties. Funds raised

by the Wiregrass United Way

are utilized locally in the five

county area. A committee of

local volunteers determines how

the funds are distributed among

the member agencies. For more

information call 792-9661 or

visit their website at

www.wuw.org.

Kimberly Stephenson

"A-B" Honor Roll

1st Grade: Jessica Holloway,

Austin Jimright, Cacho Johnson,

Nicholas Kuriger, Courtney

Lee, Holl Lewis, Brooklyn

Madison, Symdria Nelson,

Jackie Owens, Cody Price,

Destiny Spicer, Jonna Thomas,

Shelby Weems, Patrick Willis

2nd Grade: Rayanne Boop,

Brandon Brewster, Kyle Bryant,

Marcus Cole, David Cotton,

Matthew Culver, Alissa Haynes,

Hayden Herring, Kenneth

Jones, Justin Mauldin, Rhett

Peacock, Alyssa Rose Shelton,

Mikenna Simmons, Madison

Smith, Timothy Smith, Paul

Webber.

3rd Grade: Katie Adkison,

Joshua Barbaccia, Brandon

Carroll, Brandon Cutchens, Kaelyn

Fillingim, Morgan Foster, Chase

Holly, Tristian Hobbs, Ryan

Hollis, Jordann Holloway,

Brittney Lee, Jennifer Lee,

Cody Norris, Destiny Patterson,

Casey Rogers, Kelsey Rogers,

Shelby Senn, Sarah Walters,

Thomas Walters, Easton Waters,

Robby Watson, Nicole Whitley,

Willis Wilson.

4th Grade: Kristy Aceman,

Derek Blanton, Triston Brust,

Robert Bryant, Sabrina

Estevane, Alize Flowers,

Abigail Haggard, Sara Hancock,

Jordan Hatway, Sara Hawkins,

Thomas Hobbs, ShaVon Hobbs,

Jordan Jones, Zachary

Harlie McDurmont, Brittany

Mitchell, Rodney Miller,

Keenan Rachel, Daisy Shelton,

Tryston Whitley, Deanna

Williams.

5th Grade: Robyn Adkison,

Ashlee Allen, Heaven Caldwell,

Kaitlyn Corbett, Nathaniel

Credille, Thomas Davis, Gage

Driskell, Hannah Ellis, Austin

Green, Aspen Grimes, Logan

Harrison, Dakota Hobbs,

Brooklyn Kersey, Zachary

Miller, John Norris, Hanna

Pearson, Taylor Pearson, Eli

Senn, Emily Smith, Joshua

Tipton, Jesse Watson, Gage

Wells, Hunter Winters.

6th Grade: Priscilla Bryan,

Adam Bryant, Megan Coleman,

Sloan Cotter, Kaitlan Crosby,

Brandon Forbes, Abbey Gallin,

James Haynes, Sanh Herbert,

Laken Hornsby, Angel Insley,

Matthew Richard, Kiana

Thomas, Tyler Whitley.

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WEEKLY MOVIE SCHEDULE

JANUARY 20-26

Ultimate Shopping Guide

I. UNDERWORLD: EVOLUTION (R)

M-F 7:00 & 9:15 S&S 2:00, 7:00 & 9:15

No Pases - No Wed. Discount

II. THE CHRONICLES

OF NARNIA (PG-13)

M-F 7:00 & 9:15 S&S 2:00, 7:00 & 9:15

SUN 2:00 & 7:30 MON - THUR 7:30

No Pases - No Wed. Discount

Westgate Center

III. HOOKWINKED (PG)

M-F 7:00 & 9:15 S&S 2:00 & 7:00

No Pases - No Wed. Discount

IV. LAST HOLIDAY (PG-13)

M-F 7:00 & 9:15 S&S 2:00, 7:00 & 9:15

No Pases - No Wed. Discount

College Cinema College Plaza

I. END OF THE SPEAR (PG-13)

M-F 7:00 & 9:15 S&S 2:00, 7:00 & 9:15

No Pases - No Wed. Discount

II. MUNICH (R)

M-F 7:30 S & S 2:00 & 7:30

No Pases - No Wed. Discount

III. GLORY ROAD (PG)

M-F 7:10 & 9:30 S&S 2:00, 7:10 & 9:30

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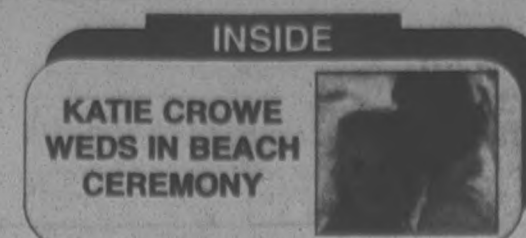
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While still no final decision made

Dorsey bankruptcy hearing suggests deal in the works

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Another Dorsey Trailer Bankruptcy Court hearing was held in Montgomery on Tuesday of this week.

No final decision was made on the sale of the Elba facility. However, attendees at the hearings were optimistic that a final deal is in the works. The proceedings were continued for two weeks until February 7th.

During Tuesday's hearing, ADEM filed some forms which are expected to help clear up many of the environmental issues which accompany the Elba facility.

Comments made during the hearing indicated there is a basic agreement on the \$2.7 million purchase price offered by the Colorado investors. Lawyers for several major creditors indicated to the court they don't plan to delay the sale

and/or force a liquidation action.

An asset purchase agreement, necessary to close the deal, has not been completed, but attorneys expect to finalize this document before the scheduled February meeting.

Attorneys are also still working on a final plan of how to divide the sale proceeds. The debts exceed the sales price, some creditors are secured, an earlier damages lawsuit decision takes about \$250,000 of the total, government liens come near the top of the list and total attorney fees must be determined. Those who have added up the creditor claims indicate they don't expect there will be any funds for the unsecured creditors of Dorsey Trailers Inc. in fact there is probably not enough to hold the secured creditors "completely whole" or with all their money back.

C.C. Commission approves tax abatement for Wayne Farms

by Linda Hodge, Editor

After making no decision at the first meeting of January, the Coffee County Commission voted Monday, Jan. 23, to approve a tax abatement for Wayne Farms.

While the terms of the abatement were a bit different from those proposed, the end result will be the same.

Commissioner J.L. Weeks offered a motion with a second from Commissioner Tom Grimsley to give Wayne Farms a tax abatement of one half the ad valorem (property) tax for the next 10 years.

The proposal presented to commissioners during the Jan. 9th meeting asked for a tax abatement of property tax at approximately \$28,504 per year for the next five years. The motion presented by Weeks this week called for an abatement of property tax at approximately \$14,252 per year for the next 10 years.

During the Jan. 9th meeting, Frank Thompson, director of the Enterprise Coffee Geneva Economic Development Corporation, said Wayne Farms is planning to add a new blast freezing and cutting facility. He said this expansion will cost an approximate \$10,180,000 and will bring approximately 68

new jobs to the company.

Weeks' motion passed by a 5-1 vote. Commissioner Doug Dalrymple cast the lone opposing vote. Commissioner Robert Stephens was unable to attend Monday's meeting.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook asked county engineer Randy Tindell for an update on the re-construction of the bridge on County Road 365.

This timber bridge was destroyed by fire in early January 2005, and Tindell said employees with his department have prepared a new sub-structure for the bridge. He said the sub-structure of the bridge, this time, will be steel.

Tindell said the bridge work should be completed in approximately one month.

Governor Bob Riley has offered a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the destruction of this bridge. As of yet, however, no arrests have been made, but authorities continue to search for those responsible.

Tindell asked commissioners Monday morning for permission to send out bids for concrete placement. His request was unanimously approved.

The meeting's agenda called Please See CCC, Page 16



THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HELD A RIBBON CUTTING Wednesday, Jan. 18, in honor of Dr. Timothy Jetton opening a new general family medical practice in Elba. Dr. Jetton's office is located across from the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home, and he offers appointments for all ages. Walk-ins also are accepted at the office. Elba Mayor James Grimes is shown above cutting the ribbon as Dr. Jetton officially is welcomed to Elba's medical staff. Standing next to Grimes during the ribbon cutting is Dr. Timothy Jetton (right) and his wife, Shelby (holding their son, Andrew). Dr. Jetton's office staff includes Tracy Scofield, Jeana Hudson, Jill Jackson and Janette Holladay. Elba General Hospital administration Ellen Briley (left of Mayor Grimes) and hospital board members also attended the ribbon cutting. Holding the ribbon for Mayor Grimes is Junior Miss Elba Christina Bryant. Future Little Miss Elba Brayton Martin, Little Miss Elba Caitlin Bradshaw and Miss Elba Kendall Stinson. They are surrounded by chamber members, hospital staff and local citizens who attended the ribbon cutting ceremony to show support for Elba's newest doctor.

Dr. Timothy Jetton opens general family practice in Elba

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

We saw one happy mother Tuesday morning. Beth Henderson stopped by the office with tears of joy in her eyes and an announcement that her son, Jerry DuBose, was enroute home from Iraq. Any parent would have been happy over the news, but Beth had her wagon loaded for a while with three sons in the war zone at the same time! All three have now returned home safely. Later in the day she called (about 12:30 Tuesday) with news that the members of the Elba National Guard unit were reportedly at an air base in Maine enroute to Hattiesburg, Mississippi. They have been in Iraq since February 8th, 2005. Beth was also about to be enroute to Hattiesburg for something or another... like maybe to see her son!

So far things in the Alabama legislature are continuing to run smoothly... at least on the surface. There are some rumblings, actually Senate turf squabbles, that have been whispered about in the past week. The Alabama politicians, those already in office, who plan to face the voters in potential tight races later this year are hoping to keep it all to a low rumble in this critical election year. As usual there are some outsiders who feel their chances of getting on the inside are better with massive and vocal confusion among the incumbents. Choose your side—regardless of your position there is someone out there looking for a fellow sympathizer!

Elba Mayor James Grimes is in Southeast Medical Center this week following what was originally described as a "light heart attack". He reportedly watched ball games on the tube Saturday and Sunday while propped up in a hospital bed. Tuesday afternoon he was walking up and down the hall while awaiting some scheduled tests on Wednesday. For those wanting to send a card, etc., James is in room 454 at Southeast. However, he could already be home by the time our readers get this bit of information. Please join us and keep James Grimes in your prayers.

There are signs that there will soon be changes in the Elba garbage pick-up. Shiny new dumpsters are being placed around town for businesses using those things. Plans are for the City of Elba to take over the garbage service at the end of the month, after some 20 years of contracting out the work. Of course that is if the new garbage truck arrives from Atlanta as promised. Elba residents will notice little (or no) difference in service unless they happen to see the new truck driving around town. Pick-up schedules will remain the same as they are this week, according to City Clerk Wayne Grantham.

Reports are flying over the internet accusing armed Mexican soldiers of escorting drug smugglers into South Texas earlier this week. It may just be the heat of the debate, but there are also charges that this is not the first time such has happened. All this is coming to us from the Minutemen, the volunteer civilian group patrolling the U. S. border, but it sounds serious enough that we want more information and maybe a demand for one of those formal diplomatic protests to the Mexican government.

Fort Rucker involved in military's high-tech future

by Congressman Terry Everett

The news last week that a Predator model unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) fired precision missiles at buildings along the Pakistani-Afghan border killing a number of Al Qaeda officials is but the latest example of our evolving technology's ability to target and take out the enemy without risking American lives. The use of remotely piloted devices such as UAV's represents the future of America's war-fighting and Fort Rucker will play a role in its evolution into battlefield strategy.

Many Predator UAV's are flown today in support of ongoing military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The precision of UAV strikes as well as their ability to launch an enemy's air-space unseen is but a part of their uniqueness. Perhaps even more interesting is the fact that these vehicles are actually remotely piloted by personnel stationed half the world away at an Air Force base in Nevada.

UAV's are involved in eight combat missions a day (over 120,000 hours, so far) with increased involvement expected. UAV technology is now used across the military branch. As of September, the Army's UAV fleet has flown over 110,000 hours.

As many of the benefits of UAV's are being realized overseas, much of the groundwork that has made UAV's such a success has been done at Fort Rucker. In 2003, the Army made the decision to shift the "propensity" for its UAV's from Fort Huachuca, Arizona to Fort Rucker. Last July, Fort

Rucker was named an Army UAV "Center of Excellence." In short, Fort Rucker is helping transition UAV's from only information gathering to being actively involved in attack operations by developing ways to them more effectively on the new battlefield.

As a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee, I was pleased to support the establishment of Fort Rucker as an Army UAV "Center of Excellence" last year. Additionally, as chairman of the House Armed Services subcommittee on Strategic Forces, I am involved in overseeing our nation's military space programs, including satellites utilized by UAV's.

While I write this column, news reports indicate that a Predator UAV attacked and eliminated two senior Al Qaeda members and the son-in-law of number two Al Qaeda official.

Ayman al-Zawahiri in western Pakistan. Such strikes against an elusive enemy hidden in difficult terrain are becoming more frequent in the U.S. War on Terror.

In December, Hamza Rabia, a top operational planner and third ranking member of Al Qaeda and four of his associates were killed as a result of a Hellfire missile fired from a Predator UAV. Predators also killed Al Qaeda suspects in Pakistan and Yemen, as well as played a key role in capturing Saddam Hussein. It is also worth noting that the Hellfire missiles fired from Predators are assembled at Lockheed Martin's Pike County, Alabama plant, north of Troy.

America's greatest weapon is its ability to marshal new technology to overcome our enemies. UAV's are an excellent example of how new technology integrated with satellite communications and expertly trained personnel can work together to make us safer. I am proud to note that Fort Rucker is helping advance this effort to both

BULLETIN BOARD

• ABUSING CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES THROUGH CHRISTIANITY - Thurs., 7 p.m. - Ino Baptist Church. Call 365-3070 or visit the website: www.inobaptist.com
• ALCOHOL & DRUG RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP - every Tuesday at 6 p.m. - Shiloh Baptist Church of Elba - Call 897-5037 for more information
• SOCIAL SECURITY REF. Course: 4th Tues. 12:30-3:30 Call FREE 1-800-772-1213
• ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday 6:30 p.m. - First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Mondays, 6 p.m. - City Hall
• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall
• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom
• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday, Community Room in Farm Center Complex of New Brockton
• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 a.m. - Senior Citizen Center
• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Tues. - 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office
• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
• MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month 7 p.m.
• BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858
• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. Club House
• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 1st Wed. Noon - Portola, Enterprise
• ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Thursday at 5 P.M. the FBO office at the Airport
• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room
• NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room
• ELBA BAPTIST CHURCH - 1st & 3rd Sunday at 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - 12:15 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - 9:45 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - 10:15 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. - 10:45 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - 11:15 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. - 11:45 p.m. - 12:00 p.m. - 12:15 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. - 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LIFESTYLES

The SE Alabama Community Theatre presents "Pump Boys & Dinettes"

The Southeast Alabama Community Theatre proudly presents "Pump Boys and Dinettes," a country-rock musical comedy, 7:30 PM, February 21-25, 2006, at the Dothan Opera House. Tickets are \$18

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The children & grandchildren of Mary and Mack Donaldson request the honor of your presence

Sunday February 5, 2006

from two until four in the afternoon for a reception honoring them on their

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

at the

National Security Company's

Conference Center,

661 E. Davis St.

Elba, Alabama

Your presence is the only gift requested.

Coffee County students named to UWA honor lists

The University of West Alabama has named one Coffee County student to the President's List for the Fall 2005 academic semester. To reach the President's List, students must earn at least a 3.80 grade point average while attempting at least twelve semester hours.

Named to the President's List was Jessica M. Merklin, Elba. Two Coffee students were also listed on the UWA Dean's List for the same period. To be named to the Dean's List, stu-

Coffee County residents named to UAB fall Honors List

Eight residents of Coffee County were named to the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) academic honor roll for the fall 2005 term. Those making the dean's list included Sheena F. Whitaker, of New Brockton, a student in the School of Arts and Humanities.

To qualify for the dean's list, a student must earn school full-time and earn an overall total grade-point average of 3.6 to 3.9 on a 4.0 scale.

Deadline For Social News Is Monday!

The Southeast Ala. Beekkeepers to meet February 2

The Southeast Alabama Beekkeepers meeting has been changed from Thursday February 2nd to Monday February 6th. The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Coffee County Farm Center. Dr. Jim Tew from Ohio State University will be speaking about bees and answering questions. The meeting is open to the public. For more information call Elizabeth Whitaker at 334-894-2077.

KINSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS

Second Nine Weeks

"A" HONOR ROLL:

FIRST GRADE
Corey Carley, Dawson Davis, Krysten Dorsey, Destinee Harrison, Cole Lashley, Afton Smith, Whitney Thornton, Kristen Wilson, Alison Glass, Austin Hataway, Taylor Jacobs, Leale Reeves, Victoria Weeks, Alexandra Wiggins

SECOND GRADE

Nicholas Davis, Jodi Farris, Adam Floyd, Ashton Holley, Myra Hudson, Anna Lawson, Kelli Mack, Bridget Stephens, Krista Adkins, Payton Bird, Boston Bowdoin, Lake Clark, Morgan Daugherty, Caroline Hataway, Justin Hutchinson, Connor Linton, Dillon Mack, Amanda Reeves, Zack Smith

THIRD GRADE

Addy Archie, Noah Carley, Lee Davis, Devin Finer, Marley Jacobs, Maeghan Moore, Courtney Moulton, Ben Nelson, Dylan Rhodes, Cody Rhodes, Braden Dorsey, T.J. Glass, Laken Pate, Lauren Reeves, Grayson Sessions, Lukas Taylor, Karoline Thornton, Cody Wambles

FOURTH GRADE

Karegan Davis, Laiken Free, Avery Hataway, Mahala Johnson, Madison Weeks, Kelsey Carley, C.J. Edwards, Chelbie Fuller, Jason Lee, Patrick Smith, Tucker Whigham

FIFTH GRADE

Aubree Archie, Arissa Davis, Mikeal Hataway, Mack Mack, Emily Mock

SIXTH GRADE

Brittany Moulton

"A-B" HONOR ROLL:

FIRST GRADE
Alison Bailey, Cameron Carley, Devin Cranberry, Alyssa Martin, Courtney Mock, Donnie Morrison, Breanna Biddle, Samuel Coale, Brandi Davis, Katie Mack, Dawson Odom

SECOND GRADE

Cheyenne Gilmore, Cassidy Jackson, Dillin Odom, Jessica Spann, Mikayla Wambles, Alex Wise, Leis Bolin, Shyanne Carley, Charles Edwards, Katlyn Grogg, Teri Lynn Hughes, Breanna Mock, Colby Sumlin

THIRD GRADE

Jeremy Bess, Morgan Grosland, Ashley Kelley, Zane Sladky, Jaime Williamson, Conner Young, Trace Archie, Mackenzie Grace, Eli Mullins, Callie Weeks

FOURTH GRADE

Clay Carley, Lane Clark, Ethan Davis, Hunter Harrison, Cassidy Johnson, Allona Rushing, Alyssa Caver, Savannah Chaney, Faith Golden, Brittany Hardy, Chris Holland, Evan Jackson, Clay Moss

FIFTH GRADE

Mikayla Bird, Jesse Driver, Gabby Grace, Andrew Holley, Katie Lowery

SIXTH GRADE

Mary Mack, Katie Smith, Mason Davis, Brittany Smith, Taylor Wilkerson



Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Orell Parrish

Crowe-Parrish wedding held Saturday, January 7th

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Douglas Crowe of Elba announce the marriage of their daughter, Katie Elizabeth, to Jamie Orell Parrish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Junior Orell Parrish, of Brundidge, Alabama. The wedding took place January 7, 2006 on the sands of Panama City Beach, Florida at the Coral Reef Condominiums. Officiated by the Reverend Man Gray, the ceremony was held beneath an arch wrapped in white tulle and ivy, topped with a floral swag of beautiful purple larkspur, lavender roses and clematis, caspia, white and lavender daisies, and purple statice.

Grandparents of the bride are Mrs. Annie Laurie Wright of Elba, the late Mr. Aubrey Lee Wright and the late Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Constance Crowe of Cartersville, Georgia.

Grandparents of the groom are Mrs. Voncie Childs of Geneva, Alabama, and the late Mr. Jack Childs, and Mrs. Lily Parrish of Brundidge, and the late Mr. Hollis Parrish.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a strapless gown of ivory silk with an over-

lay of organza. The gown was accented with three rows of satin ribbon around the bodice and also on the border of the A-line skirt. She wore a chapel length veil of illusion accented with crystals which has also been worn by her sister, Laura. She carried a bouquet of lavender roses.

Matron of Honor was Mrs. Laura Terrell, sister of the bride. Mrs. Leah Killingsworth and Ms. Emily Crowe, also sisters of the bride, served as bridesmaids. Flower girls were Misses Brooke, Dana, and Haley Parrish, daughters of the groom.

Attending the groom's best man was his father, Mr. Junior Parrish. Groomsman were Hayes and J. Cole Spicer, special friends of the bride, and Taylor and Jared Parrish, sons of the groom. Ring bearer was Cole Killingsworth, nephew of the bride.

After the ceremony, friends and family attending were entertained at a reception held in the lobby of the Coral Reef Condominiums.

The couple now resides in Troy, Alabama.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor
Elba United Methodist Church

"A precious thing"

Having written earlier about my oldest grandson, Sam, I have to give equal time to my newest, Ryan. Ryan was born on November 29, 2005 in Huntsville, Ala. After Ryan was born, our family gathered for prayer. I thanked God for Ryan and the joy he would bring, but I also thanked God for the gift of life and the miracle of birth. Life is a precious gift from God. It is amazing how God gave us our five senses to enjoy life. God also gave us our families, friends, and one another so we wouldn't be alone. God gives us our daily blessings, which are too numerous to count, because He wants us to enjoy life. Most of all, God gave us fellowship with Him through our Lord, Jesus Christ, so that we could really see how precious we are to God.

Life is also a very fragile thing. God gives each of us one day at a time and we are to live it as if it were our last. Isaiah spoke of how "we all shiver up like a leaf" (Isaiah 64:6). It was only after my bout with cancer and radical surgery for it in 1999 that I realized what Jesus meant about "take no thought about tomorrow" (Matthew 6:34). I used to worry about a lot but now, as my wife, Nancy, will tell you, I don't worry about much. We should enjoy the day that God has given us. Life is too fragile for worry.

As we enter this new year, may we realize that life is a precious and fragile gift from God. May we appreciate it, enjoy it, and live it with God by our side realizing that no matter what happens, God is with us.

"The Bradys" to be in concert at Faith Assembly of God

"The Bradys" will be performing at Faith Assembly of God Church in Enterprise, AL, on January 28, 2006, at 7:00 PM.

Damascus Baptist Church to sell barbecue Saturday, January 28th

The Damascus Baptist Church will sell Barbecue plates Saturday, January 28, at the church. The plates may be picked up between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. For more information call 694-8382 or (334)494-3929.

OUR SERVICE FOLKS

AARON J. WEBSTER
Marine Corps Pvt. Aaron J. Webster, son of Paula R. King of Elba, Ala. and Kenneth D. Webster of Montgomery, Ala., recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Webster and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Webster spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand

combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Webster and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values—honor, courage and commitment, and what the core values mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Webster and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps' Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

Round & About

With Eria
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SCRIPTURE: HEBREWS 11:1-14

THINKING AND PRAYING FOR YOU: Annie L. Williams, Hillie Hooks, Mary T. Kelley, Bettye Burks, Faye Manning, Curtis Burks, Dimitri Crittenden, Nora Deamer

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS
Peggy McBride-Jan. 10, Tony Wright-Jan. 22, Maggie Head-Jan. 23 (In memory of), Leonard McBride-Jan. 24, J. Dimitri Crittenden-Jan. 26, Randy Caldwell-Jan. 26, Kikko Logan-Jan. 26, Robert Head-Jan. 27, Tia Sherrise Kelley-Jan. 27, Feicia Coleman-Jan. 27, Larry Folmar-Jan. 27, Alice Hammonds-Jan. 28 (In memory of)

THE MULBERRY BAPTIST District Ministers, Deacons, and Laymen's Unions will convene with the Antioch MB Church in Andalusia, AL, on January 29, 2006, at 9:45 a.m. with Rev. Gary Barnes pastoring and Rev. J. M. Bryant presiding.

THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR EQUITY CHAPTER # 29, Elba, AL, is having a dinner and program Sunday, January 29, 2006, at Greater New Zion Baptist Church, Elba, AL, at 7:00 PM.

The first African American Episcopal Church in the United States was located in Philadelphia, founded by Richard Allen in 1787.

Notable quote: "Dipped in chocolate, brimmed with elegance, enameled with grace, roasted with beauty...my Lord, she is a black woman!"

—Yosef Ben-Jochannan, historian

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria

Black History Banquet to be held Saturday, February 4th

A community-wide Black History Banquet will be held at the Enterprise-Ozark Community College, Enterprise, on Saturday, February 4, 2006. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. The banquet is sponsored by Club Yoseph.

Guest speaker for the evening

Vanderbilt Holiness Church to host Gospel Singing

Vanderbilt Holiness Church will be having a Gospel Sing with "Resting Place" on January 28, 2006 starting at 6:00 PM. The church is located on Coffee County Road 114 about one (1) mile past Wayne Farms. Pastor

Roy Turner and the church congregation encourages visitors to attend this Gospel Sing. For more information call 334/347-0569, 334/894-5021 or 334/808-1022.

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Praise and worship service set for Sunday, January 28th at Woodland Grove Baptist Church

Jamie Johnson, co-founder of Crossfire Ministries and former All-American athlete at Montana College, Keith Brockman, a time All-World softball player, and Mike Clark, also with Crossfire Ministries, will be at Woodland Grove Baptist Church Family Life Center Friday evening, Jan. 20, at 7:30 p.m. for a praise and worship service. The Wilkerson Family will bring a message through their Bluegrass style gospel music.

The church is located at 5107 County Road 239 in the Woodland Grove Community. Children, youth and adults of all

ages are encouraged to attend this exciting event. Jamie has shared his message in universities, school assemblies, prisons, youth rallies, summer camps and churches across the United States as well as Romania, Cuba, St. Tomas, Cayman Islands and Athens, Greece at the 2004 Summer Olympics. His message has been heard from Los Angeles, Calif. to the Inner-city of Memphis, Tenn.

Crossfire Ministries will also speak Sunday, Jan. 22, at Community Church of God, Main Street Enterprise, at 10 a.m.

There will be a benefit Gospel Sing at Mt. Zion Baptist Church on (Mtn Cross Roads) on

January 28th at 6 p.m. Featured singers will be the Old Southern Gospel Singers.

Opp Church of God to hold revival services February 6-10

Revival at the Opp Church of God with Pastor and Evangelist Greg Adkins is being held February 6-10 at 7:00 PM night, and everyone is welcome.

The church is located at 803 Virginia Ave., Opp, AL. For more information call Tim Buford Smith at 334-469-9200.

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SCHOOLS

Miss Elbala pageant set for Saturday

by Judson Vaughan

The Miss Elbala pageant will be held in the Elba High School auditorium Saturday, Jan. 28, at 6 p.m. You are invited to enjoy an evening of "Box Office Beauties" ranging in age from 5 to 18.

The entertainment for the evening will feature outstanding EHS students.

Participants are reminded of a mandatory practice Thursday, Jan. 26. Future Miss and Little Miss contestants should meet in the high school auditorium from 5:30-6:30. Jr. Miss and Miss contestants and entertainment should meet at 6:30.

For questions, contact the Elbala staff of Mrs. Wanda Buckelew at the high school at either 897-2122 or 897-2266. Hope to see you all there.

Knitting with Talent Pool

by Tierney Starks

The EES Talent Pool recently started knitting.

They are experimenting with four types of knitting including casting on, knitting, purling, and binding off. Each student keeps a knitting journal so that he or she can keep up with his or her progress. Right now they are knitting scarves.

We commend the EES Talent Pool on the great accomplishments and their hard work and dedication.

NOTICE

The 2006 Miss Elba pageants will be Saturday, March 4 at 6 p.m. at the Elba High Auditorium.

Age divisions are as follows:
Future Little Miss Elba - ages 3-5;
Little Miss Elba - first graders;
Junior Miss Elba - 7th thru 10th graders;
and Miss Elba - ages 17-21.

Deadline for all entries is Sunday, Jan. 29, at the Miss Elba Tea, held at Moseley's Studio. All contestants should be prepared for their photo-genic picture to be taken on this day. Future Little Miss and Junior Miss Contestants should arrive at 2 p.m. Junior Miss and Miss Contestants should arrive at 2:30 p.m.



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Shawanna Wright
& Melanie Mularz

Journalism Spotlight

by Shawnda Whitfield

This week's Journalism Spotlight is Tierney Starks. She is a tenth grader here at Elba High where she is currently involved in Key Club, Senior Beta, Girl Scout Troop #300, Mu Alpha Theta, and Band.

Tierney enjoys talking on the phone, hanging out with friends, buying purses, and knotting blankets. Her favorite part of being in journalism is being able to express her creativity in different assignments and being with her friends.

An interesting fact about Tierney is that she is a member of the Coffee County Meat Judging Team that is ranked fifth in the nation.



Tierney Starks

Congratulations, Tierney, for being selected as this week's Journalism Spotlight!!!

VICA students attend car show in Birmingham

by Gale Olson

Each year the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA), which is made up of the coop program, welding program and automotive department of Elba High School, travel to Birmingham, Ala. to the Auto Car Show.

Under the direction of Larry Goodson, the career tech director, the VICA department participates in gaining new knowledge of what the automotive industry has and will have. Each manufacturer showcases its latest models and upcoming products.

All day, students have the opportunity to acquire knowledge of the latest technology that automotive manufacturers are producing. Students are able to see first hand what is involved in a successful product the consumer wants to buy.

The car show allows students to see the competitive side of the business, as well. The car show is a different method, other than the classroom setting, of teaching students about automotive advances and showing them different aspects of the business world.



A few of the VICA students get a firsthand feel of the latest in automotive technology.

Elba's Amber Pike wins county FCCLA peanut cooking contest



Amber Pike with her winning dish - Thai Pork w/ Peanut Sauce

Compliments to the Chef!!



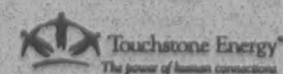
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Elba celebrates School Board Appreciation Month

by Christina Bryant

January kicked off School Board Appreciation Month all across the United States. This month is set aside to show school board members how much the community appreciates their efforts. So please go out and show your support.

Although, this month is set aside to honor them, everyone needs to recognize their great contributions result in a year-round effort. They are very dedicated individuals who are committed to improving student achievement and fight on a daily basis for the best interests of our students.

Duke Carr makes half court shot to win \$50

On Friday, Jan. 13, at the Elba-Pike County basketball game, Rudy Tyson, a former Elba High graduate, and his employer gave away \$50 in cash to the winner of the half court shot during halftime of the boys' varsity game.

Chances were sold for \$1 to have an opportunity to shoot, and 10 contestants were chosen.

The lucky winner was Duke Carr, a senior at EHS.

EHS would like to thank Tim Whitehead and Rudy Tyson for their continued support of the athletic programs here at EHS.



ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS enjoyed a lunch in their honor last Wednesday at Elba Elementary School. Board members are shown above with Superintendent Danny Weeks (second from left). Board members include (from left): Josh Wilson, Bill Brunson, Aubrey Williams, Katrina Calhoun and Valerie McGuire.



Duke Carr was presented a \$50 bill after making the half court shot during halftime of the Friday, Jan. 13, varsity boys basketball game. Rudy Tyson presented the winning money to Carr. Also present were Wynn Grimes and Susan Barnes.

Student Spotlight

by Shawanna Wright

This week's student spotlight is senior Rell Kelley. He is the 17-year-old son of Myron and Maria Duncan.

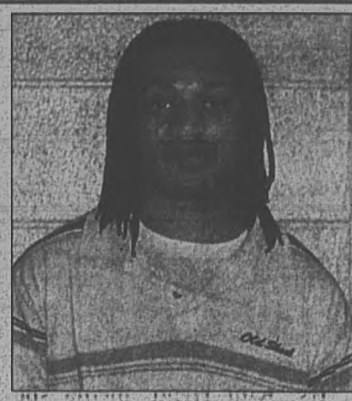
Rell is involved in many clubs and activities such as Key Club, Varsity Football and EHS Ambassadors. He is also the President of the Future Business Leaders of America.

Rell's hobbies include going out with friends and family, going to the movies and just simply enjoying life.

In the future, after graduating from high school, Rell plans to attend college at West Georgia University.

Rell describes himself as having a great personality, sense of humor, and a great person to be around.

Congratulations Rell on being this week's student spotlight at Elba High School!



Rell Kelley

Student teachers welcomed to Elba

by Ashton Rodriguez

Miss Amy Ray is a former graduate of Elba High School. She is currently working on her alternative Master's degree in elementary education.

So far, she said working at the elementary school has been an enjoyable experience.

Miss Ray hopes to get a job locally teaching middle school or high school after she graduates.

We at Elba City Schools are very excited to have the 4 young ladies working with us. We give them a big Tiger welcome!



Amy Ray



We give them a big Tiger welcome!

E.E.S. Menu

Jan. 30 - Feb. 3, 2006

BREAKFAST

Monday - Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes/Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Scrambled Eggs, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Thursday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Sloppy Joe, Butterbeans, Potato Rounds, Orange, Milk
Tuesday - Pizza, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Corn, Sweet Potato Custard, Milk
Wednesday - Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Bread, Apple, Milk
Thursday - Fishburger, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Sliced Peas, Milk
Friday - Chicken Fajita, Cheese, Rice, Lettuce & Tomato, Sliced Peas, Milk

SCHOOLS



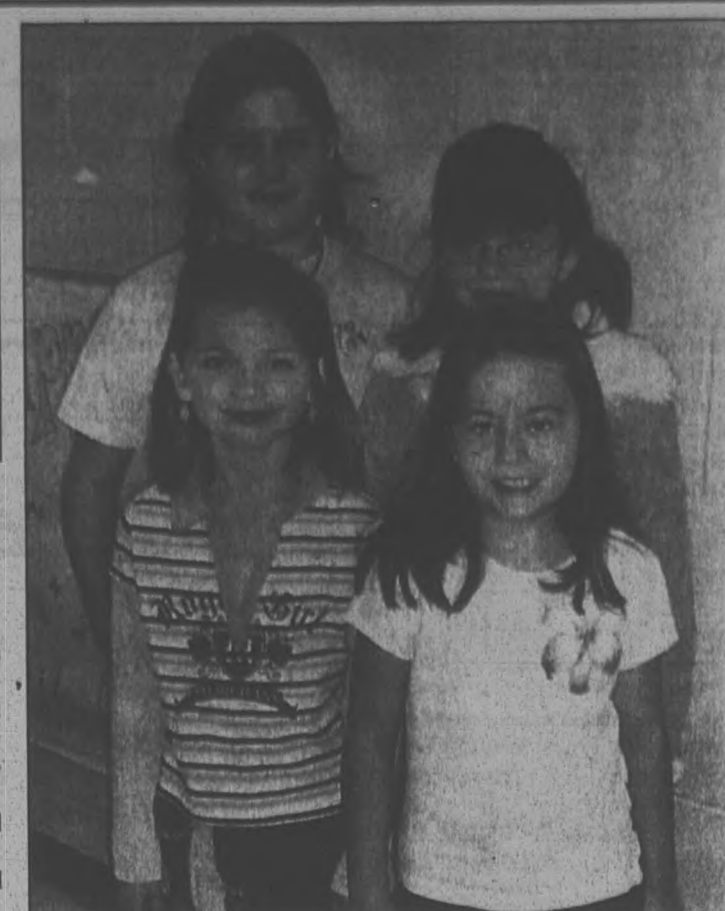
Zion Chapel High School
REBEL NEWS
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Jack Day raises \$7,000

Altrusa International of Jack Day held their second annual Jack Day on October 22, 2005, raising \$7,000 for community and service projects for the year.

The mission of Altrusa is to create opportunities for members to improve the quality of life through community service, to develop leadership and to foster understanding of our world and its future. Local projects include:

- Jack Day-Walk for Literacy;
- Canned food drives;
- Christmas for children;
- Teacher's Appreciation Banquet;
- Miss Zion Chapel pageant/scholarship;
- Junior Miss Zion Chapel pageant;
- Little Miss Zion Chapel pageant;
- Future Little Miss Zion Chapel pageant;
- Scholarship for a graduating senior;
- Campus beautification;
- Senior Adult Center;
- Make a Difference Day-Books for the library;
- Blood drives.



Zion Chapel School has been participating in the Character Counts! program in grades K-7. Each month a pillar of character has been stressed in the classroom. During December, Fairness was the main focus. At the end of the month, students competed by writing acrostic poems using fairness. The winners were: (front row) Savannah Williams, 3rd grade; Caitlyn Napper, 4th grade; (back row) Taylor Hudson, 5th grade; Nikki Nelson, 6th grade.

Zion Chapel's Middle School SGA stays busy

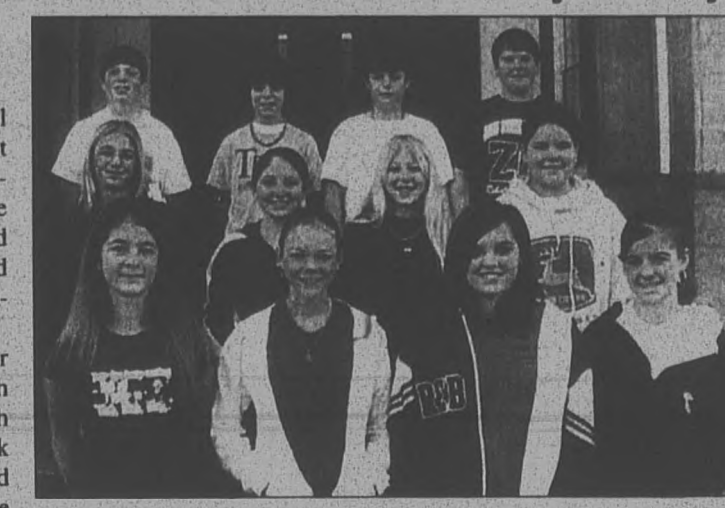
by Shelby Boswell and Paige Gibson

This year's middle school Student Government Association hit the ground running with its participation in the Fall Festival.

Money earned was used to purchase toys and school supplies for the less fortunate families.

We also held a Fall Dance for grades 6-8 that raised enough money to buy new covered trash cans for the middle school break area and electric staplers and pencil sharpeners for middle school teachers.

The middle school SGA is working hard to make Zion Chapel the best it can be.



Middle School SGA Officers are: Presidents - Will Betsole and Faith Ketchum; Vice-President - Kayla Hurd; Secretary - Shelby Boswell; Reporter - Paige Gibson; Treasurer - Lydia Mills; Representatives - Cheyenne Nelson, Lawson Amberg, Cassandra Nelson, Jacob Waters, Ashleigh Dessandro and Ryan Berry.

Zion Chapel Jr. Beta Club plans "Snow Ball Dance" for Feb. 3rd

by Becca Hodge

The 2005-06 school year for the Zion Chapel Jr. Beta Club is well underway and members are busy with service projects to help the community.

The club is made up of 28 members who have an 88 average in their five core classes, show outstanding character and integrity, and are willing to give assistance whenever needed.

In an effort to raise money for upcoming service projects, the club will be sponsoring a "Snow Ball Dance" for grades 6-8 on Friday, February 3, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the Zion Chapel High School Auditorium. Admission will be \$3.00 single/\$5.00 couple.

Pictures will be taken for a small fee.

All Zion Chapel 6-8th graders are invited to attend.



The current officers are: President - Becca Hodge; Vice-President - Will Betsole; Secretary - Nicole Napper; Treasurer - Nicole Mauldin; Historian/Reporter - Hayden Gibson; Inspirational Leader - Kayla Tracy. Executive committee members: 8th grade - Logan Leverett, Kirsten Shiver; 7th grade - Derek Sanders, Kayla Hurd. Club Sponsors - Mrs. Dawn Smith and Mrs. Christina Kirkland.

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Views from....

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I have been an active high school basketball official for many years, and this year I decided to get my girls in on the fun and helped them both become registered high school officials. They helped out by running the clock at a couple of junior high games early in the season, while in recent weeks Melanie has put her new knowledge to use and has begun taking to the court to officiate youth games at the Rec Center. The shouts from some of the fans in the stands has bothered her at times, but she has learned being an official isn't as easy as it looks and has even told me she has stopped yelling at refs at high school games. One down, a couple of thousand to go!

ONCE OVER LIGHTLY....

*** The Elba Tigers saw their plans on winning the area championship and hosting the area tournament hit a major snag last week with a controversial loss at Luverne that left the Tigers with two area losses and only one area game left to play. For the Tigers to gain a share of the title they will need to defeat Highland Home this week, and then pull for the Flying Squadron to knock off Luverne, in Luverne, in their area finale. That would give Elba, Highland Home and Luverne two losses a piece, and would send the area race into a long list of tie breakers. I have my doubts about the Tigers' luck after losing two area games in overtime. However, stranger things have happened and this team is due a break. One thing for sure - the Tigers have to defeat Highland Home to have any chance at all!

*** Now back to last week's loss at Luverne.... while it is true Elba missed more than enough free-throws to win the game in regulation and again in overtime, it is also true the clock operator failed to start the clock properly on an in-bounds pass with 4.1 seconds left on the clock and that delay may have very well resulted in Luverne being given the opportunity to send the game into overtime. No one can say for certain how many seconds went by before the clock operator realized his mistake and turned on the clock, but since there was only one second left when a foul was whistled against Elba, it was clear to many in attendance that if not for the mistake the clock would have run out and the Tigers would have escaped with the win. That is just the opinion of the Elba fans, however, and since the game is over all the Tigers can do now is to use the loss as a means of motivation and rededicate themselves to getting a rematch against their arch-rivals.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers also lost a heartbreaker to Luverne and in the process probably ended their chance at winning the area title. The Elba girls had their worst shooting performance of the season in the first half and made only three baskets from the floor, but rallied late in the game and caught Luverne with 13 seconds remaining. The rally was short lived, however, as Elba was hit with a technical foul for calling a time-out after it had used all its allotted time-outs, and Luverne hit three free-throws in the closing seconds to claim the win. The Lady Tigers can still battle back and win the area tournament, and there is no doubt they have the skill and desire to get the job done. C'mon girls, there is a lot of basketball still left to play and if you play your best there are still a lot of wins to celebrate.

*** Brantley dropped three of four games over a one week span recently and has gone from a state contender to a team battling to even make it to sub-region play. While the departure of long time coach Tony Stallworth had an impact on the team, it is still hard to figure out how the Bulldogs went from the state's #1 team to a team that lost to Goshen and Arton. Maybe the Bulldogs will be able to regroup and regain that swagger that helped them move to the top of the standings. The only good thing about the losses is that the season still has over a week left and then the area tournament. That is plenty of time to see just how good this team really is.

*** Opp High School ended its search for a new football coach last week when Jack Whigham was hired to lead the Bobcats. Whigham is an Opp graduate that has served as an assistant coach for the past 14 years at T.R. Miller, and there can be little doubt the new Bobcat coach has learned what it takes to win while helping Miller win numerous state titles. Opp has struggled for a few years in football and has gone through a couple of coaches, but the guess here is that Coach Whigham has plans to retire at Opp, and if the Bobcat fans will support him, he can turn the program around in a hurry.

*** Abbeville High School played its first home game in basketball in almost four years Friday night and celebrated its new gym by winning all three games. The Yellow Jackets had their gym destroyed by a tornado back in 2002 and had been driving back and forth to Dothan to practice and play its games. So, you know the players and coaches are all excited to have a home to call their own.

*** Years ago there used to be numerous high school conferences all across South Alabama, and locally the South Alabama Conference was one of the best as some of the state's top teams competed for conference titles year in and year out. Those days ended when the AHSAA began area and region play and got involved in scheduling. However, one conference that has prospered is the Wiregrass Athletic Conference (WAC), which last week added Arton to its roster to give it 14 members. The conference hosts tournaments in baseball, basketball, volleyball and softball, and now has six members in Classes 1A-2A and eight in Classes 3A-5A. The conference also holds an awards banquet every year and awards four scholarships annually. I think it is great that the WAC has survived all the changes and is now better than ever. It takes work and cooperation to keep a conference alive, and this one is without a doubt the best.

*** In closing.... I talked with a long time assistant football coach at Luverne last week and he was very disappointed that the Elba-Luverne football rivalry will end next season. The coach said he thought the series was well over 50 years old and was one of the oldest series in the state, and added that it was a shame the two rivals would no longer meet in the sport that helped to make them both so successful. I agree the game was one of the biggest rivalries in the state and share his disappointment. Football has changed greatly over the past few years at Elba High, and not all the changes have been for the best of the program!

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Controversial ending dooms Tigers

Elba falls to Luverne in overtime 64-63

The Elba Tigers traveled to Luverne Friday night for an important area encounter with the Luverne Tigers and suffered a controversial 64-63 overtime defeat in a game that was marred by 40 missed free-throws and a tardy game clock that cost Elba a possible win in regulation.

The loss dropped Elba's record to 12-5, 3-2 in area play, while Luverne upped its record to 10-10 with the win and 2-2 in area action.

Elba came out red hot from behind the arc and jumped out to a quick 8-2 lead behind the three-point shooting of Mason Gulley and Brandon Kelley, only to see Luverne also find its range from long distance and connect on a pair of three-pointers to pull even at 8-8 with 3:23 remaining in the first quarter. Elba regained its lead at 10-8 on a driving lay-up by Gulley with 1:41 left on the clock and took the lead twice more in the closing minute, but Luverne refused to let the visiting Tigers pull away and matched every Elba basket as the opening stanza ended with the score tie at 14-14.

Luverne scored first in the second quarter and was still on top 20-18 with 6:16 left in the period. However, Elba staged a rally midway through the quarter and behind the inside scoring of Kikko Logan scored six straight points to grab a 24-20 lead with 5:02 remaining in the half. Luverne rallied to pull even at 24-24, but Elba regained command late and went in at the half with a 28-25 lead after a short jumper by Ron Hill.

Elba failed to score in the opening four minutes of the third quarter and watched as Luverne went on a 7-0 run to take a 32-28 lead. A jumper by Mason Gulley with 3:58 remaining in the stanza snapped the scoring drought and cut the deficit to 32-30, but Luverne remained in command and owned a 37-33 lead with 3:13 remaining. A driving lay-up by Gulley and a steal and lay-up by Brandon Kelley sparked a 5-0 Elba run that moved the black and gold Tigers back in front 38-37, and at the end of the stanza Elba was still in the lead 40-39.

Luverne opened the fourth

quarter with a 6-0 run to move on top 45-40 with 6:31 left on the clock, and appeared to be in complete command as it owned a 51-44 lead with 2:01 remaining. Kikko Logan scored five points in less than a minute to spark a 7-1 Elba rally, and Luverne pumped additional life into the late Elba charge as it misfired on seven of eight free-throw opportunities and watched as Elba cut the deficit to 52-51 with :38 still left on the clock. Luverne stretched its lead to 54-51 with :35 remaining, but Elba's Kikko Logan scored on a short jumper and Mason Gulley scored on a steal and a lay-up with :17 left as Elba grabbed a 55-54 lead. Luverne called a time-out with 4.1 seconds left on the clock to set up a possible game winning shot. However, its plan appeared to fall apart quickly as Elba forced a loose ball on the in-bounds pass and then trapped the Luverne ball handler behind the three-point line. The game clock failed to start on the in-bounds pass; however, and the tardy clock gave Luverne new life when Elba was whistled for a foul with :01 still on the clock. After a heated discussion between Elba's Coach Glen Johnson, the officials, and the clock operator, Luverne was allowed to go to the foul line and sent the game into overtime when it connected on one of two free-throws to tie the game at 55-55.

The area rivals swapped the lead early in the extra period, while a basket by Mason Gulley and a lay-up by LaRay Williams put Elba back on top 62-60 with :50 remaining. Luverne cut the lead to 62-61 with :42 left on the clock, and then pulled even at 63-63 with two free-throws in the extra period. Elba called a time-out with 13.8 seconds left to set up a last-second shot, and its plan appeared to work when LaRay Williams found a path and drove to the basket. Williams' shot rolled off the rim; however, and two tips also rolled off the rim as the clock kept ticking. The clock stopped when Elba was whistled for a loose ball foul with :02 left, and Luverne hit on one of three free-throw chances to pull out the wild 64-63 win.

Mason Gulley scored 18 points and Kikko Logan added



TIGER DEFENSE... Elba's Kikko Logan (in back) and Mason Gulley (left) combine to block a shot during recent Elba basketball action. The Tigers have dropped four straight games to see their record slip to 12-6 on the season.

(Photo by Laura Basley)

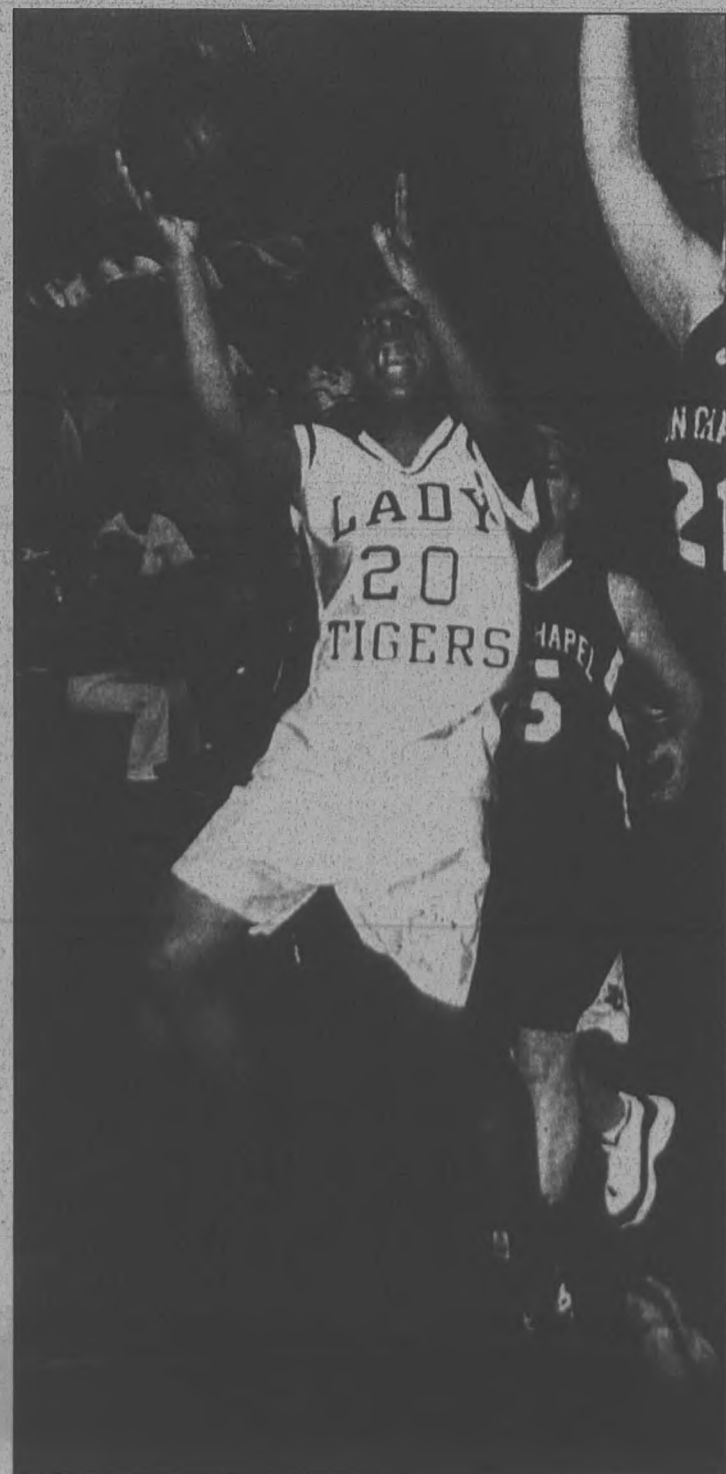
17 to lead Elba, while Fred Hawkins scored 26 and Gary Franklin added 22 to lead Luverne.

Luverne (64): Hawkins 26, Franklin 22, Kilpatrick 1, Lowery 10, Jackson 5.
Elba (63): Gulley 18, Williams 5, Kelley 5, Logan 17, Rodgers 8, Hill 5, Abbott 2.

(J.V. GAME)

The Elba JV Tigers continued their winning ways with a 55-48 overtime win, in a game that included a total of 57 fouls and 74 free-throws. Elba jumped out

to an early 10-5 lead and led 28-25 after three quarters, only to see Luverne rally late to send the game into overtime. Elba pulled out the win as it connected on 11 of 18 free-throws in the extra period. Gavin Respess scored 13 points to lead Elba, while Trey Belcher added 12 and Channing Morris scored 10. Brasman Harris scored 19 points to lead Luverne.
Elba (55): Respess 13, Harellson 2, Phillips 2, Head 2, Bullard 3, Belcher 12, Morris 10, Dorsey 2, McBride 5, Tillis 4.
Luverne (48): May 10, Harris 19, Jackson 7, Harrell 2, Leach 9, Freeman 1.



ELBA LADY TIGER LAFONDRA THIGPEN (20) drives in for a basket during a recent win. The Lady Tigers dropped an important area battle last week to Luverne to fall into second place in the area standings.

(Photo by Laura Basley)

SPORTS

High School BASKETBALL BRIEFS

BOYS VARSITY

New Brockton rolls past Kinston Bulldogs 62-52

The New Brockton Gamecocks pulled ahead early and pulled away late to defeat the Kinston Bulldogs 62-52, last Tuesday night in New Brockton. The Gamecocks owned a 17-7 lead after one quarter, but saw the Bulldogs cut the lead to 26-23 at the half before they were able to pull away and claim the win. Dadrion Johnson scored 16 points to lead New Brockton, while Rashard Andrews added 12 and Justin Flowers scored 11. M. Whigham scored 13 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Anthony Weeks and Ramsey Phillips both added 11.

Brantley Bulldogs coast past Zion Chapel 71-42

The Brantley Bulldogs led all the way to claim a 71-42 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels last Tuesday night in Zion Chapel. Kevin Pitts scored 17 points and Jeffery Daniels added 10 to lead the Bulldogs, while Abe Childs scored 22 to lead the Rebels.

New Brockton rallies late to down Samson 48-45

The New Brockton Gamecocks staged a furious fourth quarter rally to defeat the Samson Tigers 48-45 Thursday night in Samson. The Gamecocks trailed 35-30 heading into the final stanza, but rallied late to pull out the big road win. Dadrion Johnson scored 19 points to lead New Brockton, while Kurt Jensen and John Milsap both scored 12 points for Samson.

Brantley Bulldogs shocked by Purple Cats 65-64

The Brantley Bulldogs continued their late-season struggles Thursday night with a shocking 65-64 loss to the Arton Purple Cats, in Arton. Thad Frazier scored 23 points and Kevin Pitts added 21 to lead the Bulldogs, while Marcus Ward led Arton with 18 points and 12 rebounds.

Gamecocks fall to Highland Home 61-55 in overtime

The New Brockton Gamecocks staged a furious second half rally to send the game into overtime, but then ran out of gas in the extra period as they fell to the Highland Home Flying Squadron 61-55 Friday night in New Brockton. The Gamecocks rallied from a 36-19 halftime deficit to force overtime, but failed to keep pace in the extra period and suffered the area loss. Rashard Andrews scored 15 points to lead New Brockton, while Courtney Foster added 13 and Dadrion Johnson scored 10. Sankey scored 17 points to lead Highland Home.

Brantley outscores Providence Christian 70-62

The Brantley Bulldogs kept their area title hopes alive Friday night with a 70-62 win over Providence Christian, in Dothan. Jeffery Daniels scored 25 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Keith Granger led Providence with 18 points.

GIRLS VARSITY

Kinston Lady Bulldogs slip past New Brockton 32-23

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead early and slowly pulled away to down the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks 32-23 last Tuesday night in New Brockton. The Lady Bulldogs jumped out to an 8-0 first quarter lead, led 13-3 at the break and rolled to the win over their cross-county rivals. Brittany Hunko scored 12 points to lead Kinston, while Valerie Hutcherson led New Brockton with 11 points.

Brantley Lady Bulldogs outscore Lady Rebels 57-53

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs evened their area record at 2-2 last Tuesday night by posting a 57-53 win over Zion Chapel. Taronda Randall scored 13 points and grabbed 22 rebounds to lead Brantley, while Deana Sheridan added 12. Jennifer Taylor led the Lady Rebels with 20 points.

Lady Gamecocks fall hard to top-ranked Samson 60-11

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks fell behind early and never challenged Thursday night in a 60-11 loss to the Samson Lady Tigers. The Lady Gamecocks trailed 37-0 at the half and never recovered as they suffered the road loss. H. Duetit scored 4 points to lead New Brockton, while Kala Bess scored 15 points to lead Samson and Sierra Wiginton added 14.

New Brockton Lady Gamecocks suffer 54-16 home loss

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks continued their season long struggles Friday night in a 54-16 setback to Highland Home. The Lady Gamecocks fell behind 29-8 by the end of the half and never recovered as they dropped the area contest. Grimes and Largess both scored 4 points to lead New Brockton, while J. Merriweather led Highland Home with 18 points.

Brantley Lady Bulldogs fall hard to Providence 70-34

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs traveled to Dothan Friday night and suffered a 70-34 area loss to Providence Christian. Taronda Randall scored 14 points to lead Brantley, while Whitney Doyle scored 20 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and had 9 steals to lead Providence.

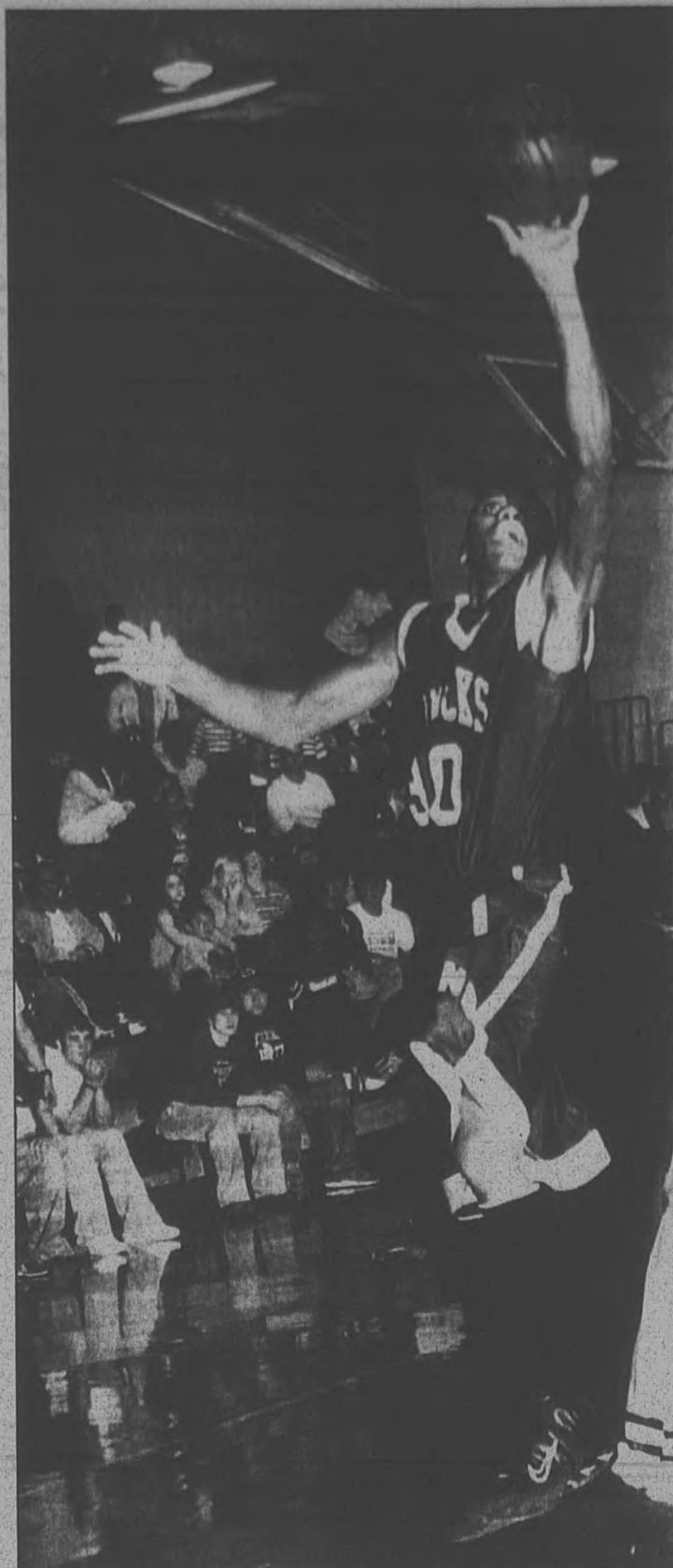
BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY

New Brockton Gamecocks dump Kinston 36-27

The New Brockton Gamecocks pulled ahead in the second quarter and never looked back to down the Kinston Bulldogs 36-27. The Gamecocks trailed 13-11 after one quarter, but outscored the Bulldogs 18-6 in the middle two stanzas to grab the lead and rolled to the win. S. Johnson scored 11 points to lead New Brockton, while Moss poured in 16 points to lead Kinston.

New Brockton edged by Samson Tigers 30-29

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw a late lead vanish Thursday night in a 30-29 loss to the Samson Tigers. The Gamecocks led 26-20 after three quarters, but watched as the Tigers rallied and pulled out the win. S. Johnson scored 13 points to lead New Brockton, while Smith led Samson with 9 points.



NEW BROCKTON'S RASHARD ANDREWS (30) drives in for a basket during recent Gamecock action. The Gamecocks won two games last week to continue their late 0-season surge.

(Photo by Laura Basley)

High School BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

Thursday, Jan. 26

New Brockton at Zion Chapel (4:30) JV-VG-VB

Friday, Jan. 27

Elba at Goshen (4:30) JV-VG-VB

J.F. Shields at Kinston (4:30) JV-VG-VB

Monday, Jan. 30

Geneva County at Elba (6:00) VG-VB

Zion Chapel at Kinston (4:30) JV-VG-VB

Tuesday, Jan. 31

Elba at Enterprise (6:00) JV-VB

New Brockton at Slocomb (5:00) JV-VG-VB

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In boys and girls action

Elba youth basketball league enjoys busy week on court



KEANTHONY NEWSON drives in for a basket in action last weekend in the Boy's 12 and Under basketball division. Games are played at the Elba Recreation Center three nights each week and on Saturday mornings.

(Photo by Laura Basley)



GRIFFIN MARTIN keeps his eye on the goal as he prepares to take a shot in action last week in the Boys 8 and Under basketball division. Martin scored 14 points to lead his team to the win.

(Photo by Laura Basley)

YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULES

Thursday, Jan. 26
In Elba
10 and Under Boys
5:30 - Temple Hornets vs. Opp
6:30 - Elba Black vs. Opp

Friday, Jan. 27
At Opp Middle School
12 and Under Boys
5:30 - Temple Spurs vs. Opp
6:30 - Elba vs. Opp

Saturday, Jan. 28
In Elba
10 and Under Girls
10:00 - Elba vs. Z.C. Rebelettes

12 and Under Girls
11:00 - Elba vs. Temple
12:00 - Temple vs. Zion Chapel

Monday, Jan. 30
In Elba
6 and Under Boys
5:30 - Elba Black vs. Elba Gold
8 and Under Boys
6:30 - Elba White vs. Elba Gold

Tuesday, Jan. 31
In Elba
8 and Under Girls
5:30 - Elba Black vs. Elba Gold
10 and Under Boys
6:30 - Elba Black vs. Elba White

The Elba Jr. NBA/Jr. WNBA Youth Basketball League, sponsored by the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation, had a busy week of action on the court last week with a total of 13 games being played in six divisions.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

Boys 12 and Under

Opp Bulls 33 Temple Spurs 29 - The Opp Bulls pulled ahead early and held on late to claim a 33-29 win over the Temple Spurs. The Bulls jumped out to an 8-0 first quarter lead, but had to hold on late to claim the exciting win. Scoring for the Bulls were Steadman Geiber 19, Hunter Coon 9, Avery Colquett 3 and Justin Ferguson 2. Scoring for the Spurs were Cantrell Edwards 10, Richard Davis 8, Olujuwan Heinz 4, Phu Quan 4, Devin Davis 2 and Roger Caldwell 1.

Opp Sonics 39 Elba 33 - The Opp Sonics pulled ahead early and held on late to defeat Elba 39-33. The Sonics owned a slim 17-16 lead the half, then outscored Elba in both of the final two quarters to claim the win. Scoring for the Sonics were Zane Christian 20, Tyler Harrison 13, Cameron White 2, Devin Coon 2 and Hunter Roeser 2. Scoring for Elba were KeAnthony Newson 8, Chance Goosby 8, Austin Johnson 5, Donte Rodgers 4, Thomas Cole 4, Tyler Anderson 2 and Michael Martin 2.

Elba 24 Temple Spurs 16 - Elba pulled ahead early and held on late to post a 24-16 win over the Temple Spurs. Elba jumped out to a 15-5 halftime advantage and turned back a late challenge to claim the win. Scoring for Elba were Austin Johnson 7, Michael Martin 4, KeAnthony Newson 4, Tyler Anderson 3, Donte Rodgers 2, Chance Goosby 2 and Waylon Craighead 2. Scoring for the Hornets were Richard Davis 6, Cantrell Edwards 5 and Jerdaine Colston 5.

Girls 8 and Under

Elba Gold 6 Elba Black 4 - The Elba Gold pulled ahead early and held on late to defeat the Elba Black 6-4. The Gold held a slim 2-0 halftime lead and held off a late rally to claim the win. Scoring for the Elba Gold were Asia Sistrunk 4 and Reyanta Caldwell 2. Scoring for the Elba Black was Lacy Mount 4.

Elba Gold 15 Elba Black 3 - The Elba Gold pulled ahead early and pulled away late to defeat the Elba Black 15-3. The Gold owned a slim 5-2 lead at intermission, but pulled away in the second half to claim the big win. Scoring for the Elba Gold were Jessilyn McKenzie 8, Reality Singletary 5 and Asia Sistrunk 2. Scoring for the Black were Lacy Mount 2 and Paris Person 1.

Boys 8 and Under

Elba White 26 Elba Gold 6 - The Elba White led all the way to defeat the Elba Gold 26-6. The White jumped out to a 6-0 first quarter lead and rolled to the big win. Scoring for the Elba White were Griffin Martin 14, Martavious Gray 6, Brosnan Cooks 4 and Denzell Thomas 2. Scoring for the Elba Gold were Kaleb Martin 3, Dontavious Williams 2 and Jeffery Perdue 1.

Boys 10 and Under

Opp Celtics 11 Elba White 6 - The Opp Celtics pulled ahead early and coasted in with an 11-6 win over the Elba White. The Celtics jumped out to a 4-0 first quarter lead and never trailed in rolling to the win. Scoring for the Celtics were Clay Moss 6, Chase Robbins 2, Jacob Godwin 2 and Seth Wilkerson 1. Scoring for the Elba White were Nick Green 4 and Harry Griffin 2.

Opp Rockets 34 Temple Hornets 6 - The Opp Sonics rolled to an easy 34-6 win over the Temple Hornets. The Rockets jumped out to a 22-2 halftime lead and never looked back to claim the big win. Scoring for the Rockets were Russell 11, Tyler 10, Savannah 6, Dakota 4, Ashton 2 and Ben 1. Scoring for the Hornets were Octavious Bonham 4 and Derek Savage 2.

Elba Black 14 Temple Hornets 4 - The Elba Black scored all its points in the first quarter and held on to defeat the Temple Hornets 14-4. The Black jumped out to an early 14-0 lead and rolled to the big win. Scoring for the Elba Black were Kysan Edwards 10, Raheem Newson 2 and Jalon Newson 2. Scoring for the Hornets were Derek Savage 3 and Marquavious Hall 1.

Girls 12 and Under

Z.C. Rebelettes 5 Temple 1 - The Zion Chapel Rebelettes pulled

EOCC to host baseball camp Jan. 28 for players ages 7-14

The Enterprise-Ozark Community College Boll Weevil baseball team will host its 2006 Spring Baseball Camp on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 9:00 until 3:00 at the EOCC gym.

The camp is open to boys and girls ages 7-14, with a registration fee of \$45 for early registration (prior to Jan. 26) and \$55 the day of the camp.

Instructors for the camp will include Adam Godwin, drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers; Landon Brazell, drafted by the Florida Marlins; EOCC head baseball coach Tim Hulse, and members of the Boll Weevil baseball team.

Instructors will work with campers on the fundamentals of hitting, pitching, catching

and base running, and all campers will become more skilled in the aspects of offensive and defensive baseball. They will also receive information on off-season workouts and conditioning that will help them improve once the camp is complete.

All campers should bring glove, bat, tennis shoes and cleats, with catchers urged to bring catching equipment. Hamburgers and chips will be served for lunch.

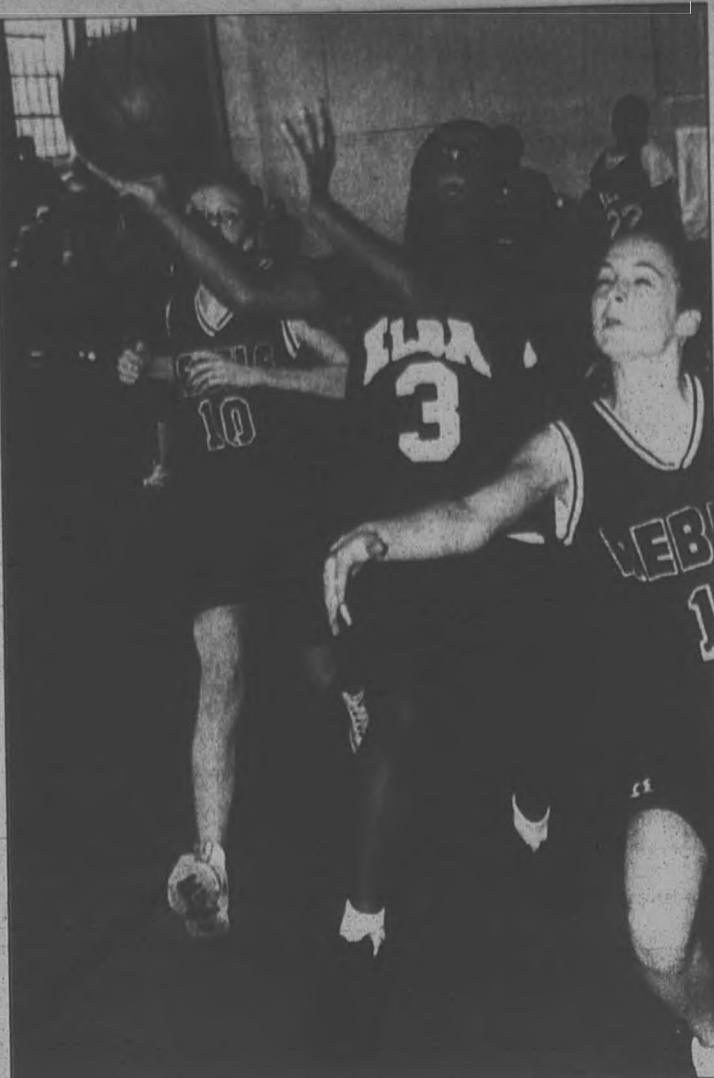
Registration forms are available at all area high schools, EOCC and the Elba Recreation Center. For more information call 347-2623 and speak with Kristi Whitehead at ext. 2315 or Coach Hulse at ext. 2291.

EOCC camp for ages 15 and up

The Enterprise-Ozark Community College Boll Weevil baseball team will host its 2006 Baseball Clinic on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 6:00 - 10:00 PM at the EOCC gym.

The clinic is open to boys and girls ages 15 and above, with a registration fee of \$10 per person.

The clinic will feature hitting and base running skills by Adam Godwin, a draft pick of the Los Angeles Dodgers; pitching demonstrations by Landon Brazell, a draft pick of the



JACQUETTA WHITFIELD (3) drives in for a basket in action last week in the Girls 12 and Under basketball division. Whitfield scored 16 points to lead her team to a big win on Saturday.

(Photo by Laura Basley)

ahead midway through the game and rolled to a 5-1 win over Temple. The Rebelettes owned a 2-0 halftime lead and slowly pulled away for the win. Scoring for the Rebelettes were Ashleigh DeSandro 2, Alison Senn 2 and Shelby Johnson 1. Scoring for Temple was T.J. Stoudemire 1.

Elba 31 Zion Chapel 12 - Elba used a big second quarter to pull ahead and then pulled away to defeat Zion Chapel 31-12. The score was tied at 4-4 after one quarter, but Elba outscored Zion Chapel 18-2 in the middle two stanzas to take command and rolled to the big win. Scoring for Elba were Jacquetta Whitfield 16, Kimberly Perdue 6, Trey Craighead 4, Kei-Auna Edwards 3 and Melinda Jones 2. Scoring for Zion Chapel were Kelli Behrens 5, Erin Dismukes 5 and Shelby Moxey 2.

Girls 10 and Under

Temple 9 Elba 7 - Temple staged a late rally to defeat Elba 9-7. Elba jumped out to an early 7-2 lead, only to see Temple rally to pull out the exciting win. Scoring for Temple were T.J. Stoudemire 2, Clara Hines 2, Olivia Hands 2, Asia Edwards 2 and Reanna Kinkade 1. Scoring for Elba were A.J. Whitfield 4, Reality Singletary 2 and Ty Carpenter 1.

Boys 6 and Under

Elba Black vs. Elba Gold - The Elba Black and Elba Gold battled through four quarters to excite the large crowd on hand. Scoring for the Black were Braxton Robinson, Jordan Magwood, Isaiah Kyles, Kendre Jordan, Nicholas Johnson, Richard Singletary, Omar Whitfield and Walter. Scoring for the Gold were Jeron Register, Tanner Herrington, Zac Clark, Jeremiah Jordan, Winston Kelley, Christopher Echols, Tony Daniels and Juandarius Reed.

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DEVIN JACKSON, age 13, killed this 7-point buck while hunting recently on a "good friend's land."

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"A" Honor Roll

6th Grade: Ashleigh DeSandro, Huey Green, Charlie Little, Cheyenne Nelson, Sindi Paul, Zackary Ward

7th Grade: Kelli Behrens, Erin Dismukes, Kayla Hurd

8th Grade: Dillon Davis, Tanner Grant, Rebecca Hodge, Nicole Holoway, Logan Leverett, Erika Mount, Nicole Napper, Landon Peters, Kirsten Shiver, Lance Walden

9th Grade: Kirsten Collins, Amber Grissett, Elhan Mount, Kyle Rogers, Brittany Smythe

10th Grade: Stephanie Collier, Brittany Dismukes, Megan Tori Hodge, Sheena Hussey, Brittany Layton, Tindol

Long, Luke Peters, Jonas Simmons

11th Grade: Erica Lewis, Jennifer Taylor, Stacy Williams, Matt Williams

12th Grade: Donna Flowers, Keri Flowers, Rosanna Johnson, Lindsay Leverett, Shea Manning, Byron McWaters, Heather Sanders

"A-B" Honor Roll

4th Grade: Lawson Amlong, Patrick Joseph Benton, Kyle Boswell, Ethan Carter, James Cobb, Megan Cox, Tabitha Miles, Courtney Napper, Breanna Nicole Nelson, Cassandra Nelson, Sage Peterson, Noah Sanders, Markel

5th Grade: Lindsey Amlong, Carol Ann Banks, Amanda Geddings, Caitlin Grissett, Julie Hall, Brittany Ledford, Jessica Lee, Drew Little, Cristen Patterson, Steven Pettry, Ashley Quattlebaum, Justin Winters

6th Grade: Logan Carley, John Wayne Lambert, Rod Rider, Brooke Stinson, Caitlin White, Harry White

7th Grade: Todd Grant, Eppie Long, Jenna Mobley, Keagan White

8th Grade: Abe Childs, Keni Hobbs, Melanie Perry, DJ Stinson, Savannah Tidwell

9th Grade: Will Bedsole, Shelby Boswell, Hillarie Davis, Hayden Ellis, Paige Gibson, Faith Ketcham, Justin McWaters

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Courses offered at Enterprise-Ozark Community College

MICROSOFT OFFICE, Level 2 - Microsoft Office is designed for students who have had prior computer experience and are familiar with basic skills such as creating files and saving documents. Completion of Microsoft Office, Level 1 is preferred but not required. This is a comprehensive course that will provide in-depth coverage of the Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint programs. At the end of the course, students should be able to produce professional looking letters, memos, faxes, spreadsheets, and slide presentations. Students should bring a 3 1/2" disk to the first class session. This class will be held on the Enterprise campus on Saturday for four weeks beginning March 4, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. The cost for the course is \$40.

MICROSOFT EXCEL - Microsoft Excel will teach you to turn your computer into an electronic calculator. Students will learn the basics of Microsoft Excel software and at the conclusion of the 8-hour class should be able to understand the fundamentals of spreadsheets by creating inventory or payroll reports. It would be helpful for students to have had some prior experience using a computer, and students should bring a 3 1/2" disk to the first class session. This class will be held on the Enterprise campus on Tuesday and Thursday nights for two weeks beginning March 7, from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. and on the Ozark campus beginning March 14. The cost for the course is \$45.

BEGINNING COMPUTER - This class is designed for those with limited computer experience. Students will be introduced to the Internet and learn how to set up a free e-mail account, will be introduced to basic computer terminology, and get hands on experience with the Microsoft Word software package. At the conclusion of this four session course, students should be able to overcome their fear of computer usage, understand the basic functions of a computer keyboard, and gain a sense of the potential for computer use in their home, work, and/or educational environment. Bring a 3 1/2" disk to the first class. This class will be held on the Enterprise campus on Tuesday and Thursday nights for two weeks beginning February 7, from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. The cost for the course is \$45.

POTTERY SHOPPE offers you the chance to challenge your creativity while working with clay. This class is designed for adults who have had no experience with clay and for those who have worked with clay in the past. Students who have been enrolled in previous Pottery Shoppe classes will be able to learn new techniques. Each student will complete at least one piece of HAND-BUILT pottery and must purchase clay and tools for \$20.00 at the first class session. Two sessions of this class will be held on the Enterprise campus

Author donates book to Elba Public Library

by Linda Hodge, Editor

James H. Oettel travels through life believing, "you can do anything you set your mind to," and that is exactly what he has done throughout his 79 years of life.

Born in 1927 during the depression-era, Oettel said he lived in a cave in mid-Missouri when he was age 4. His parents died just three weeks apart in 1939 leaving him orphaned at the age of 12.

Later in life, Oettel said he ran away from a blind school in Iowa to join the Army Air Force during World War II. He had his left eye removed at the age of 22, suffered a heart attack at age 48, had cataract surgery at age 66, open-heart surgery at age 74 and overcame a surgery for cancer at age 75.

All these obstacles led Oettel to write a life-story book he calls a kind of motivational book.

Oettel said his daughter-in-law really encouraged him to write a book based on his life. As he would tell the stories of the things he had done and seen in life, he said other people also suggested it should be in print.

"So many people say they can't do this or that," he said



Book author James H. Oettel donates a copy of the book he recently penned to the Elba Public Library. Accepting the donation is librarian Kay Wilson. The book, "Root-Hog or Die" is based on Oettel's life.

"They can. If you set your mind to it, you can do it."

Oettel and his book are even mentioned in a "how to" guide written by Edmund Hansen. Hansen taught Oettel in a memoirs writing class in 2003 and was extremely impressed by his student.

"Root-Hog or Die" is the self-published book written by Oettel through AuthorHouse publishing.

Oettel and his wife recently moved to the Elba area from Florida, and last week he donated a copy of his book to the Elba Public Library.

Anyone interested in reading the book can check it out from the library or contact Oettel at 897-2131 for information on purchasing a copy.

Indicating he's not done yet, Oettel says he's currently working on two other books.

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURE AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES, PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2004 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

	GENERAL	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE ENTERPRISE	PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE EXPENDABLE TRUST	"TOTALS" MEMORANDUM ONLY
REVENUES							
TAXES	2,959,848.00	1,707,778.00					4,667,626.00
LICENSES & PERMITS	56,396.00	1,440.00					57,836.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	657,281.00	2,738,343.00					3,395,624.00
CHARGES FOR SERVICE	1,102,245.00	191,366.00			3,010,086.00	24,340.00	4,328,037.00
MISCELLANEOUS	420,192.00	807,790.00	2,377.00	2,370.00	149,018.00	86,034.00	1,467,781.00
TOTAL REVENUES	5,156,772.00	5,445,717.00	2,377.00	2,370.00	3,159,104.00	110,374.00	13,913,713.00
EXPENDITURES							
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,677,103.00	561,004.00				96,003.00	3,234,106.00
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,167,354.00						2,167,354.00
ROADWAYS AND ROADS		5,072,091.00					5,072,091.00
SANITATION						2,708,343.00	2,708,343.00
HEALTH	35,943.00						35,943.00
PUBLIC WELFARE	25,628.00	241,734.00					267,362.00
CULTURE AND RECREATION	6,000.00						6,000.00
EDUCATION	58,286.00						58,286.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY							
DEBT SERVICE							
PRINCIPAL RETIREMENT		136,725.00	547,646.00		85,033.00		773,404.00
INTEREST		43,065.00	346,698.00		16,999.00		406,762.00
FEES AND OTHER CHARGES	18,255.00	7,730.00					25,985.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	78,140.00						78,140.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,086,518.00	6,081,259.00	894,344.00	9,086.00	2,812,375.00	96,003.00	14,979,988.00
EXCESS REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	106,854.00	(637,542.00)	(891,970.00)	(6,716.00)	346,729.00	14,371.00	(1,068,274.00)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
LOAN PROCEEDS					600,000.00		600,000.00
BOND PROCEEDS							
PROCEEDS FROM INCEPTION OF CAPITAL LEASE		1,560,360.00					1,560,360.00
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	726,032.00	979,805.00	893,007.00		75,000.00		2,673,644.00
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	(615,750.00)	(1,481,415.00)	(942.00)	(60,537.00)	(515,000.00)		(2,673,644.00)
OTHER USES							
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	110,282.00	1,058,550.00	892,065.00	(60,537.00)	160,000.00	0.00	2,150,350.00
EXCESS REVENUE AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) OTHER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	219,136.00	421,008.00	95.00	(67,253.00)	506,729.00	14,371.00	1,094,086.00
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT) - BEGINNING	936,253.41	991,906.62	66,174.85	131,416.97	3,036,575.80	126,310.41	5,293,636.06
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	1,155,389.41	1,412,914.62	66,269.85	64,163.97	3,543,304.80	140,681.41	6,387,724.06

Detailed statements of individual fund revenue and expenditures are available for public inspection at the County Commission Office during regular hours Monday-Friday. The totals are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented merely to aid financial analysis. Information in this statement does not present the County's financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles; neither is data comparable to a consolidation of county funds; that is interfund elimination has not been used in totaling these figures. These figures represent unaudited data.

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

General Obligation Warrants (Health Department Addition)	0
General Obligation Warrants (DHR)	0
General Obligation Warrants (Refunding Issue)	0
General Obligation Warrants-2004	1,625,000
\$.04 Gasoline Tax Anticipation Warrants	435,000
\$.06 Gasoline Tax Anticipation Warrants	160,000
Loans Payable to Banks	142,029
2002 Construction Warrants	1,590,000
Landfill Warrants	0
Lease Purchase Equipment	

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COMMUNITY NEWS

ALFA promotes Johnson to senior VP of claims

Alfa Insurance has promoted Jerry W. Johnson to Senior Vice President of Claims. Mr. Johnson will have responsibility for all of Alfa's claims operations, including its 135 claims adjusters and managers. He replaces Terry McCollum, who retired after 43 years with Alfa.

Mr. Johnson began his career at Alfa in 1980 and has served in a number of management positions for the company throughout his career. Prior to joining Alfa, Mr. Johnson was a teacher at Ft. Deposit Academy. He earned his BS-Education degree from Troy

University and received his law degree from Jones School of Law. He and his wife, Clara, have two children, Will and Casey. He is the son of Milfred Johnson and the late Annette Johnson of Elba.

ADOR launches new internet service for Alabama motor carriers

Alabama-based motor carriers renewing their 2006 International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) licenses can now renew their licenses over the Internet, ADOR Commissioner Tom Surtees announced recently.

The ADOR notified Alabama-based carriers in November about the new electronic service and provided carriers with passwords and instructions on how to access the ADOR Website to renew their IFTA licenses electronically. To date, hundreds of motor carriers have taken advantage of this service. Based on the results of the electronic IFTA quarterly tax filing program, the department estimates that over 20% of Alabama-based motor carriers will utilize the online IFTA license renewal

program. Approximately 4,500 Alabama-based motor carriers renew their IFTA licenses during the IFTA license renewal period of December through February. Motor carriers using the online application process can receive their IFTA licenses and decals within days of submitting their requests, compared to mailed-in application requests which take several weeks to process.

The online license renewal program also offers the convenience of electronic payments. The department utilizes Official Payments Corporation (OPC) to process electronic payments (credit card or e-check). The charge customer pays a 2.5% convenience fee for using the credit card payment service.

For more information concerning Motor Carrier E-filing services, taxpayers should contact the department's Motor Carrier Services office at (334) 242-2999 or visit the department's Web site at www.rev.enue.alabama.gov.

Basic Ballroom Dance being offered at EOCC

Basic Ballroom Dance is a fun course designed for students of all ages, with or without previous dancing experience. This course includes lessons on Waltz, Swing, and Fox Trot dancing. Classes will be held on Monday nights for eight weeks beginning January 23, from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. and on the Ozark campus for six weeks beginning April 6, from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. The cost for the course is \$45 per couple.

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TracFone Wireless offers free cell phone to eligible Katrina Hurricane Evacuees

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT RELAY FOR LIFE...The Peoples Bank of Coffee County (Elba office) is selling chances to win a Relay for Life Valentine Basket. The basket has an estimated value of \$400 thanks to the donations of several local businesses and individuals. The basket's lucky winner will receive such items as restaurant gift certificates, one night stay at bed and breakfast, candy, pedicure and nail polish, body lotion and conditioner, pearl necklace and earrings, purse, watches, hair products, pendant, dozen roses, balloon, stuffed animal and basket. The drawing will be held Monday, Feb. 13, and tickets currently can be purchased from bank employees. All proceeds generated from this fundraiser will go to the Coffee County Chapter of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event.

Notice from Probate Court to elected officials, candidates & PAC's

Pursuant to §17-22A-8, Code of Alabama, 1975 Elected officials, candidates and PAC's file with the Probate Court or the Secretary of State an annual report of contributions and expenditures for the year just past (2005). The deadline for filing is January 31, 2006.

Forms may be obtained from the following: Probate Office by calling 347-2688 or 897-2211 or visiting our website at www.probateoffice.info, or Secretary of State's Office at 334-242-7210 or their website at: www.sos.al.us.

Leisure Swimming for individuals or families available at EOCC

Leisure Swimming is an opportunity for individuals or family members to maintain fitness through swimming. Open only to people who already have swimming skills. The pool will be available for approximately 20 hours per week. Individual fees - \$50.00; family membership fees - \$65.00. NO REGISTRATION DEADLINE.

TracFone Wireless announced last week it is taking orders for a free cellular phone with 300 minutes of airtime and one year of service from eligible Hurricane Katrina evacuees.

Last month, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approved a plan to provide financial support from the Federal Universal Service Fund (USF) to provide telecommunications services to persons who were displaced from their homes as a result of Hurricane Katrina.

In response to the FCC's request for wireless support, TracFone Wireless created a program to assist Hurricane Katrina evacuees and launched a toll-free number 1-800-800-9873 where evacuees can inquire about eligibility and get more information on the free service.

In order to be eligible for the free cell phone, the applicant must have lived in an area affected by Hurricane Katrina, as determined by FEMA, and have been approved by FEMA to receive emergency housing assistance. Applicant must provide TracFone with a copy of the FEMA grant letter advising them they are eligible to receive support, present a copy of a Federal or state-issued I.D. and must answer eligibility questions in writing. Information can be faxed to 1-800-927-2757 for review and approval. After the information is verified, TracFone will ship the package to the applicant's current address.

The package includes 300 minutes of airtime, one year of service, battery and charger. Customers who purchase additional airtime during their service year will receive twice the amount of minutes for each airtime card purchased or half-price minutes. To assist potential recipients, TracFone's toll-free access number provides an easy-to-follow recorded message with options to repeat the information steps for clarification.

College Financial Aid Workshops answer all questions

Three FREE Financial Aid Workshops will be held at Enterprise-Ozark Community College in the coming months. The first workshop is scheduled for February 21 on the Enterprise Campus at the Lurleen B. Wallace Student Center's Multipurpose Room, at 6:30 p.m.

The second workshop will be held March 9, at 6:30 p.m. on the Ozark Aviation Campus at the Sasser Cafeteria.

The third workshop is set for April 6, at 6:30 p.m., again at the Enterprise Campus location. Participants need to bring their 2005 Federal Income Tax returns and W-2 forms to the workshop.

Dr. Chip Quisenberry, Director of EOCC's Student Financial Aid, will lead the workshop and provide valuable information for completing applications to obtain college financial aid for the 2006-2007 academic year. EOCC's financial aid program assists students and their families as they face the challenge of paying for college, but it is important to complete financial aid applications as soon as possible. "We want to help you find out early if you qualify for financial aid next year," says Dr. Quisenberry. "We will help you file your 2006-2007 Free Application for Student Financial Aid, or FAFSA, on-line. The FAFSA is the foundation all colleges use to determine student eligibility for all federal financial aid, including grants, loans, work-study, and some scholarship programs."

Students (and parents of dependent students) should visit www.pin.ed.gov <<http://www.pin.ed.gov>> and secure a Federal Personal Identification Number (PIN) prior to attending the workshop. The PIN will enable the applicant (and the parent) to sign the FAFSA electronically. Again, applicants MUST bring their 2005 Federal Income Tax returns and W-2 forms to the workshop. Please call me at 334-347-2623, ext. 2214, if you have any questions regarding these workshops.

EOCC Financial Aid staff will also meet with local high schools. Call the number above to schedule a time.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Folks,

The Salvation Army staff and Advisory Board would like to thank the many individuals who volunteered during the Bell Ringing campaign. Because of the dedication of so many volunteers and the generous donations of almost \$25,000 the Salvation Army will be much better able to serve the needs of families in Coffee County. This year's donations more than double the donations of prior years which can be attributed to a caring community and a group of almost total volunteer Bell Ringers.

Sincerely,
Charlene Goolsby - Board Member

Dear Editor,

RE: Homeland Security

Chicken Little and Homeland Security

How fitting that Walt Disney Pictures' Chicken Little (though the original synopsis better fits the comparison) is still playing in some theaters at the same time the Democratic Party is in a frenzy over the president's decision to allow the National Security Agency to engage in tactics that included intercepting communications, without a court order, between possible and known terrorists.

Just when I thought the party of Howard Dean was actually beginning to throw enough mud at President Bush to damage the Republican National Committee's winning streak, I was pleasantly surprised to see the Democrats still don't have a clue about Homeland Security.

As much as Sen. Harry Reid and Rep. Nancy Pelosi would like you to believe that

American's civil liberties are under attack, it just isn't true. In fact, the only reason that the president's decision to allow phone taps without a court order is news is because there is a very real bias in the news media. Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton (look up Executive orders 12139 and 12349) authorized the exact same action under their administrations, yet there was no media outrage, at least not the magnitude of what we are seeing today.

Media bias is true, as a 1995 Times Mirror Center poll revealed - 40% of the U.S. population considers themselves to be conservative, while only 5% of the press would identify themselves that way. Many other such polls have revealed the same results, even the recent (2005) study by UCLA's political scientist Tim Groseclose.

It's basically the Fox News Channel, Rush Limbaugh, and Sean Hannity versus the rest of the media! Yet, somehow, the fly-over states maintain control of the country. And that will remain the case as long as the Democrats continue to talk like they are on the side of our enemy.

When was the last time we heard a Democrat call a press conference to denounce Ayman Al-Zawahiri, the mastermind behind the 1998 bombings of United States Embassies in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and Nairobi, Kenya? When was the last time a Democrat held a press conference to express his anger at the beheadings in Iraq? When was the last time the Democrats in office, or their supporters who don't hold any office at all, did anything besides attack the current president and his policies? I think we all know the answer to those questions.

Switch a few words around. Ted Kennedy and terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi sound almost exactly alike in their disdain for

the war on terror and President Bush. The terrorist group Hezbollah actively promoted Michael Moore's film Fahrenheit 911. A majority of the U.S. media has given these two leftists a free ride, completely ignoring the hypocrisy of these men who ridicule the capitalistic society that has made them millionaires and beyond!

So when the Democrats scream "the sky is falling", just remember the source - the party of failed ideas (not to mention elections).

I applaud our president for doing whatever is necessary to keep our country safe from terrorists. After all, I'd much rather have my phone tapped than find myself at the bottom of a falling skyscraper. The only civil liberties this president is guilty of trampling on is the ability of America's enemies to plot their next attack.

If the Democrats continue down the path of criticizing the president on his remarkable record concerning Homeland Security, the 2006 elections may not yield the results they so badly need. As Chicken Little leaves the movie theaters, it would be best if the DNC followed suit and abandoned their Chicken Little strategies. The sky is not falling, the blue states are.

Dan Blankenship is a freelance writer from Lowell, Indiana

Sincerely,
Dan Blankenship
Lowell IN, 46356

WCC receives \$1.9 million grant for healthcare programs

Wallace Community College was awarded a \$1.9 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to establish the Tri-state Rural Access in Nursing (T.R.A.I.N.) program, which will address critical needs in the local healthcare industry.

According to project director Kathy Buntin, WCC coordinator of health sciences, T.R.A.I.N. will provide a certified nursing assistant program curriculum for entry-level healthcare workers, a healthcare retention support lab to improve student retention and a school-at-work

program. Funds will also allow for the renovation of existing nursing laboratories and will be used to increase recruiting efforts in local high schools and communities.

"Nine counties in the Wallace service area are currently designated nurse shortage counties, and regional healthcare facilities report a shortage in virtually every medical profession," said Buntin. "T.R.A.I.N. targets the critical shortage in the local workforce with training activities to address current and future needs."

According to Buntin, 1462 students are currently enrolled in the College's healthcare training programs. "Our goal is to increase the availability of services for healthcare students so we can meet the workforce demands in our local communities," she said. Wallace serves more than 443,000 residents of 15 rural counties in southeast Alabama, southwest Georgia and the Florida panhandle.

The Department of Labor reported Wallace was one of only 70 of 388 grant applications funded nationwide.

U.S. Senator Jef Sessions will fight efforts to establish Indian gambling at Fort Payne

U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-AL) today issued a statement in response to efforts to establish Indian gambling at Fort Payne.

"I don't believe it's right that a tribe outside the state of Alabama can operate gambling facilities in Alabama when state law prohibits Alabama citizens from doing so."

Today, I met with officials from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Department of the Interior to discuss Indian gambling in Alabama. There is a long administrative process that a tribe must follow before Indian gaming is allowed, and I intend to work diligently to block it every step of the way.

"It is also my understanding that current law gives Governor Riley the right to veto a proposal such as the one discussed in

Fort Payne."

Note of Thanks

The family of **Rue Seymore Marler** wishes to express their heart-felt gratitude to all. During this difficult time of loss, your kind visits, calls, cards, flowers, food, thoughts and prayers were such a great comfort for our family. She loved everyone and we appreciate each of you.

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2006 Tri-County "Valentine Sweetheart Pageant" is scheduled for February 11th at Elba High School

The 2006 "Valentine Sweetheart Pageant" will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 6 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium. The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 is sponsoring the pageant with all proceeds being used to finance numerous Lodge charities and projects.

Admission at the door will be as follows: Age 0-5 years Free; Age 6-11 years \$3.00 each; 12 years & older \$4.00 each.

Age divisions will include 0-11 months, 1-2 years, 3-5 years, 6-8 years, 9-11 years, 12-14 years, and 15-18 years. Pageant age will be based upon the age of the contestant prior to February 1, 2006.

A winner and two alternates will be selected in each age division based on a minimum of

five contestants) with winners receiving a trophy, crown, banner, flowers and a \$100 savings bond. The two alternates will receive a trophy and flower. All contestants will receive a trophy in all age divisions! The pageant entry fee is \$35.00.

This year we have four optional categories: Prettiest Hair, Prettiest Eyes, Prettiest Smile, (Judged from stage,) with a \$5.00 entry fee for each category, and the Photogenic category, with a \$10.00 entry fee.

Judging for Photogenic will be made from a 5x7 un-matted color or black and white photograph that must be turned in by 4:00 p.m. on Saturday February 11, 2006. Judging will be at 5:00 p.m. and all photos can be

picked up after the pageant. Please put contestants name on back of photo. Contestants are advised to not mail photos. The scoring for all optional categories does not count toward overall score. The winner only in each optional category and age division will receive a banner and a trophy, no runner-ups.

All entry fees and forms must be received no later than 8:30 p.m. at practice session on February 10, 2006. Please mail entry fees and forms to Randy White, 5347 Highway 125, Elba, AL 36623. Checks should be made payable to Elba Masonic Lodge #170.

For more information call Starla Amison (334) 897-3095 after 4:00 p.m., Herb Winters (334) 897-3095, Randy White (334) 897-8576 or Ray Kyle (334) 897-5851 after 5:00 p.m. There will be no concessions at the pageant.

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Troy University plans Career Fairs

Troy University will host a series of five career fairs over three days in February as part of The Trojan Connection. Employers and job seekers are invited to attend the fairs on the Dothan, Troy and Montgomery Campuses.

Dozens of corporations, government agencies and non-profit organizations will recruit on the Dothan Campus Tuesday, Feb. 14, from 8 a.m. to noon. A separate Teachers Fair will bring school district representatives from Alabama and a variety of other states to the Dothan Campus Thursday, Feb. 16, from 8 a.m. until noon.

At the Troy Campus, job seekers can connect with companies Wednesday, Feb. 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A Teachers Fair is also scheduled from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the Troy Campus.

The Trojan Connection culminates Thursday, Feb. 16, when the Montgomery Campus welcomes employers and job seekers from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Companies interested in registering for The Trojan Connection can contact (334) 983-6556, ext. 1-223. Information is also available at www.troy.edu.

Elba Chamber of Commerce presents... January's Business of the Month The Ranch House

The Ranch House opened 28 years ago with Bill and JoAnn Driggers as the owners. They served the Elba community all those years from one location.

In December 2005, the restaurant experienced two major changes at once.

Bill and JoAnn Driggers passed the dipping spoon to their son, Greg Hanchey.

Greg and his wife, Lisa, opened the doors of The Ranch House Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005 as the new owners at a new location - 490 Hwy. 203 bypass.

"My grandparents, John Edmon and Verbie Holley, had Holley's Restaurant, then my parents opened The Ranch House," Greg said. "I'm fortunate now to have customers eating with me that ate with my parents and grandparents."

While Greg now operates the business, he still gets a helping hand from his parents and grandmother Verbie. He also employs six people at the restaurant.

The Ranch House is open six days a week for breakfast and lunch (5 a.m. - 2 p.m.). A different menu is offered every day of the week featuring home-cooked Southern food, but the star of the show is that ever-famous Ranch House barbecue.

Saturday is the big barbecue day for The Ranch House, but barbecue is available on the menu every day.

The newly constructed building for The Ranch House has an allure of its own. Hanchey said the new building has twice the seating capacity of the old building allowing seating for approximately 65 customers.

A drive-thru also is available now with the new building.

The inside design also is fitting of a Southern style restaurant with tin walls and roof. The center of the dining area features tables from the old building while booths have been added along the side walls.

Hanchey also is quick to point out that while the parking lot may seem full at times, there most likely is still seating room available inside.

Also added to the new location is a 15x20 cook house.

"When you see the smoke,



Third generation restaurateur Greg Hanchey said he really appreciates the support the community has shown his family's business through the years. Hanchey said he looks forward to many more years of serving the community at the The Ranch House.

you know we're cooking," said Hanchey. "So, stop in and have some home-cooking and Ranch House barbecue. Ain't Nothin' Like It!"

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for commissioners to open bids for lawn care at three county locations (Elba Courthouse, Enterprise Courthouse and County Complex in New Brockton); however, at the suggestion of county administrator Wilson Mobley, commissioners voted to reject all bids without opening them. According to the motion approved by commissioners, the unopened bids will be returned to the companies that submitted with a notation of a corrected date for the bid. The companies will be asked to resubmit bids to be opened at the next commission meeting.

Commission chairman Bernest Brooks presented his proposal for a standing committee structure for Coffee County.

"This effort will give the citizens more grass root participation in their own local government," he said.

Brooks suggested that each committee have seven members serving three year staggered terms. He said each commissioner could nominate one member from his/her district and the chairperson appointing

two at-large members. Committees proposed by Brooks included: personnel committee, planning committee, agriculture and industry committee, education committee, transportation/senior services committee. "Each committee will make recommendation(s) to the Coffee County Commission," Brooks said. "The Commission may accept the recommendation(s) in total, return the recommendation(s), modify the recommendation(s) or reject the recommendation(s). What is binding on the Commission is its decision based on the best data and advice available at the time the issue is under consideration."

At the conclusion of his presentation, Brooks offered a motion to accept the standing committee proposal; however, the motion died on the table for lack of a second.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, Feb. 13, at 9 a.m. from the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.



A LARGE PORTION OF THE OLD ELBA HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING now is gone as progress makes way for a new playground facility. While the majority of the school will now only remain in the memory of those who attended classes there, the facility will not be forgotten as the front facade of the old school will become the entrance into the playground. Due to an unexpected problem with the site, the build date originally scheduled for early May most likely will be postponed until late August or early September. However, work on the project and fund raising is an on going event. Important dates associated with the project will be announced in upcoming issues of The Elba Clipper.

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